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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, "The Enterprise" has brought the people of the
3 community of Plainfield, Illinois together every week for 125
4 years; the paper was first published on August 10, 1887; and

5 WHEREAS, 1887 is an important year in Plainfield's history;
6 in that year, a steam whistle echoed over the prairies and a
7 short line ancestor of what was eventually known as the Elgin,
8 Joliet, and Eastern Railway, which had begun to offer service
9 from Joliet to Normantown, began to be knitted into other
10 railroad tracks stretching from Indiana to near Waukegan; and

11 WHEREAS, Local farmers began to bring their crops to
12 Plainfield for shipping, and to shop in Plainfield for the
13 goods needed to clothe and supply themselves and their
14 families; such a thriving new town on the Illinois farm fields
15 needed a weekly newspaper to tell it more about itself; and

16 WHEREAS, When "The Enterprise" was first published, the
17 technology of newspaper production was shifting from handset
18 type to newspapers printed with linotype technology, involving
19 the setup and layout of stories printed from type metal cast at
20 the print shop; more revolutions have taken place since that
21 long-ago day; the changes in our daily lives that have happened
22 from 1887 until 2012 defy human comprehension and point out the

1 essential importance of an institution, such as "The
2 Enterprise", that can provide continuity to the lives of the
3 members of our families and communities; and

4 WHEREAS, The continuity and stability shown by "The
5 Enterprise" became an unforgettable asset on August 28, 1990,
6 when the community was victimized by one of the most tragic
7 weather incidents in the history of Illinois; the first and so
8 far only F5-level tornado ever to touch down in the greater
9 Chicago area tore through Plainfield, causing the deaths of 29
10 Illinoisans and injuries to an estimated 350 of their
11 neighbors; the victims and survivors of this incident are
12 remembered and honored to this day; and

13 WHEREAS, In the years since 1990, the Plainfield area has
14 undergone a revolution even more filled with impact than any
15 storm of nature, with tens of thousands of new residents
16 joining hands to commit themselves to the municipality of
17 Plainfield and the housing subdivisions in and around it; and

18 WHEREAS, Plainfield's reputation throughout the greater
19 Chicago area as an attractive location to raise a family, go to
20 school, buy a home, drive to a job, and live a successful life
21 as a mature Illinoisan, has created new joys and challenges for
22 this community, its schools, its churches and places of
23 religious worship, its health care providers, and its other

1 local institutions, of the type which only a newspaper can
2 cover and represent; and

3 WHEREAS, The community institutions and professionals of
4 Plainfield, its schools, churches, scouting groups, senior
5 citizens' organizations, ombudsmen's desks, and helping
6 professionals, will continue to look to "The Enterprise" to
7 "get the word out" about the joys and challenges of the
8 community of which they are a part; and

9 WHEREAS, The annual Plainfield Fest in downtown Plainfield
10 is scheduled to include, on July 21, 2012, an observance and
11 celebration of the 125th birthday of "The Enterprise";
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we commend "The Enterprise" upon 125 years of useful life and
16 service to the community of Plainfield, northwest Will County,
17 and eastern Kendall County; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Publisher Richard Masterson, of "The Enterprise",
20 as a signal of the General Assembly's support for the work the
21 newspaper's owner, publisher, executive staff, employees, and
22 contractors have done and continue to do for the community of

1 Plainfield and the people of Illinois.