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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Village of
4 Ramsey on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its
5 founding; and

6 WHEREAS, The Village of Ramsey received its name from an
7 early settler named William Ramsey, who settled on what now is
8 known as Ramsey Creek; surveyed as a town in 1857, it started
9 growing when the family of Valentine Brazil built their log
10 cabin; the town was incorporated May 4, 1864 and reincorporated
11 in 1877; Abraham Lincoln was known to ride through the
12 Monclovia area near Ramsey on his way to the State capital in
13 Vandalia; and

14 WHEREAS, As Ramsey grew, so did its businesses and railroad
15 traffic; the I.C. Railroad was completed on January 1, 1855 and
16 made Ramsey a local trading and shipping point for nearby
17 townships and the biggest "railroad tie depot" on the line; as
18 Ramsey grew its businesses became many; it had an Apple
19 Evaporator Co. (supported by many nearby orchards), a hand-made
20 farm wagon factory, a brick plant, a creamery, and a beaver-hat
21 factory to name a few; as of 1878, Ramsey's citizens could
22 support 6 dry goods and grocery stores, a drug store, a
23 hardware store, 2 saloons, a boot shop, a hotel, a harness

1 factory, and Ramsey was the 2nd largest town in Fayette County;
2 Ramsey had its own newspaper in the 1880s named "The Ramsey
3 Democrat"; the "Ramsey News-Journal" had its beginnings in
4 1911, was purchased in 1912 by Julius Mueller, and remained
5 within the family for 100 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Ramsey was the first town in the State of Illinois
7 to see women vote when on July 10, 1891 Athilla Stoddard voted
8 publicly; she was 83 years old and had seen her husband and 7
9 children pass on before her; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, Ramsey citizens enjoy a State park, a golf
11 course, a bank, a post office, 2 restaurants, 3 grocery stores,
12 and a newspaper; the population exceeds 1000, and grows to over
13 5000 one day-a-year due to the Lions Club Auction; Ramsey can
14 claim as its citizens such notable people as Glenn Hobbie
15 (baseball player), H.L. Hunt (oil tycoon, who inspired the TV
16 series "Dallas"), and Tex Williams (a country music singer/song
17 writer and actor); therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we celebrate the 150th year of Ramsey's incorporation and its
21 contribution to the State of Illinois; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to the citizens of the Village of Ramsey and Mayor
2 Claude Willis.