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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Bloomingdale Public Library is celebrating  
3 its 40th anniversary on June 9, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, In January of 1974, the Village of Bloomingdale  
5 established the "Friends of the Library" to promote a library  
6 for Bloomingdale; and

7 WHEREAS, Within 6 months, the library was selected as an  
8 "All-Star Library" by the Illinois Library Association;  
9 statewide, only 4 libraries were so honored that year; and

10 WHEREAS, As Bloomingdale continued to grow, so did its need  
11 for expanded library services; on May 3, 1981, ground was  
12 broken for a 20,000 square foot library building; its doors  
13 opened on July 15, 1982; and

14 WHEREAS, A 6-year study was conducted which led to the  
15 creation of a building project designed to meet a 20-year plan  
16 for library services to the community; plans were made to  
17 expand and remodel the library and improve services, and on  
18 September 7, 1995, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the  
19 new addition; construction was completed in November of 1996  
20 and a grand "reopening" reception was held on December 1, 1996;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, On June 9, 2005, the library was dedicated and  
2 opened its doors with a collection of 4,500 adult and juvenile  
3 books, a staff of 3, and over 30 volunteers providing 28 hours  
4 of service each week; and

5           WHEREAS, The library continued to improve patron services  
6 in 2013 by dedicating a new area of the library designated as  
7 "The Think Tank" quiet zone, and reconfiguring the lower level  
8 to better serve the children of Bloomingdale; and

9           WHEREAS, The library was selected as a "best library" in a  
10 user poll conducted by West Suburban Living magazine for 2  
11 years running; and

12           WHEREAS, The library continued to improve services to  
13 Bloomingdale teens with the creation of an innovative new teen  
14 space and created a New Materials area for adults in April of  
15 2015; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate the Bloomingdale Public Library on the occasion of  
19 its 40th anniversary; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be

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1 presented to the Bloomingdale Public Library.