

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are honored to recognize milestone dates in  
4 the history of cities in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the City of  
6 Joliet, Illinois is celebrating its 150 anniversary of  
7 incorporation; and

8 WHEREAS, Originally incorporated as Juliet, Illinois, in  
9 1837, the city was reincorporated in 1852 as Joliet in  
10 recognition of the explorer, Louis Joliet (1645-1700); the  
11 City Charter was approved on July 5, 1852 and Cornelius C.  
12 Van Horn was appointed as Joliet's first mayor; and

13 WHEREAS, The City of Joliet is known as the City of  
14 Stone, the City of Steel, and the City of Champions; and

15 WHEREAS, Since the late 1980s, Joliet has experienced a  
16 true renaissance; reborn with a diversified economy and a  
17 progressive, pro-development posture, Joliet has become a  
18 center for cultural, entertainment, and recreational  
19 activity; and

20 WHEREAS, Joliet is the Motor Sports Capital of the  
21 Midwest with a State-of-the-Art National Hot Rod Association  
22 Sanctioned Drag Racing Stadium and a new 72,000 seat  
23 NASCAR/Indy Car Speedway; and

24 WHEREAS, Since 1985, Joliet has increased in area by  
25 sixty-two percent, growing from 25.34 square miles to 40.71  
26 square miles; in addition, 13,000 new residential units have  
27 been built in Joliet since 1990 making it the fastest growing  
28 community in Northeastern Illinois; and

29 WHEREAS, 2002 promises to be a landmark year for Joliet;  
30 in May, Silver Cross Field will open its first season of

1 professional baseball in the City Center; Joliet, in  
2 cooperation with the Joliet Park District, will open Splash  
3 Station, providing water park fun and thrills for all ages;  
4 in September, a new library will open on the City's west side  
5 and Joliet's rich history will be on display in the Joliet  
6 Area Historical Museum; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate the residents of the City of Joliet on the  
10 celebration of the City's 150th anniversary of incorporation,  
11 and we wish them continued success in the future; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the City of Joliet as an expression of our  
15 esteem.