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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 150th anniversary of the
4 founding of Columbia Masonic Lodge #474 on October 3, 1866; and

5 WHEREAS, Freemasonry in Illinois has a long-standing
6 tradition of serving communities with various acts of
7 beneficence; Masons throughout the State continue this
8 tradition through a network of charitable programs, with a
9 primary focus advancing the welfare of others, particularly
10 children and senior citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Freemasons, not only serve their communities by
12 setting a good example as citizens, but they also improve the
13 lives of future generations and care for the elderly; and

14 WHEREAS, Freemasonry promotes friendship, morality, and
15 brotherly love; it is comprised of men from every race,
16 religion, opinion, and background who are brought together to
17 develop and strengthen the bonds of friendship; and

18 WHEREAS, Freemasons has over three million members and is
19 the largest and oldest fraternal organization in the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Freemasonry proposes to "make good men better" by

1 teaching about building values based on great universal truths;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of Columbia
6 Masonic Lodge #474 and we wish them many more successful years;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the members of Columbia Masonic Lodge #474 as an
10 expression of our esteem and respect.