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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Village of Teutopolis is celebrating its
3 Terquasquicentennial, the 175th anniversary of its founding,
4 from July 26 to August 3, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, The location of Teutopolis, on the old National
6 Road in the northeastern part of Effingham County, was selected
7 after 4 months' search through Illinois and Missouri by Clemens
8 Uptmor, John Waschefort, and Gerhard Bergfeld in 1837; and

9 WHEREAS, Teutopolis was settled beginning in 1839 by
10 members of the Deutsche Land-Compagnie, an association of 142
11 German immigrant families living in Cincinnati, Ohio; in 2014,
12 it is the oldest town in Effingham County; and

13 WHEREAS, The arrival of the Franciscan priests and brothers
14 in 1858, and the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1861, were key
15 events in creating a strong, vital community that takes
16 seriously both its relationship with God and its
17 responsibilities to educate its children and work for the
18 support of its families and cherishes its continuing
19 connections with the Franciscans and the School Sisters of
20 Notre Dame; and

21 WHEREAS, Teutopolis students continually excel in

1 academics, always scoring among the top area schools, and far
2 above the State average, in annual tests; in athletics,
3 Teutopolis schools have won State championships in basketball,
4 baseball, and track and too many trophies to count; much of
5 this success is due to the efforts of a long line of dedicated
6 teachers and coaches; and

7 WHEREAS, The Teutopolis business community thrives with
8 over 100 enterprises, of which almost all are locally owned;
9 the village has 58 working people for every 1,001 residents,
10 making it one of the busiest towns in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Over many years, hundreds of men and women from
12 Teutopolis have loyally served their country as members of the
13 armed forces and 13 have given their lives in conflicts from
14 the Civil War to the Vietnam War; and

15 WHEREAS, The fraternal and service organizations of
16 Teutopolis have donated much time and effort and have
17 generously raised and provided funds for a myriad of worthy
18 causes in the community, the area, and beyond; these
19 organizations include the Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club,
20 the Teutopolis Community for Progress, the Holy Name Society,
21 the Council of Catholic Women, the Catholic Daughters of
22 America, St. Francis Youth Council, the Catholic Heart Work
23 Camp, American Legion Post 924, the Teutopolis Education

1 Foundation, and Sportsbackers; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, Teutopolis stands as a shining example of
3 the results of hard work, self-discipline, genuine care, and
4 concern for one's family and neighbors; Teutopolis citizens
5 live with respect for the past and vision for the future;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the citizens of the Village of Teutopolis on
10 the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the community; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the citizens of the Village of Teutopolis as a
14 symbol of our respect and esteem.