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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, On June 9, 1975, the library was dedicated and
8 opened its doors with a collection of 4,500 adult and juvenile
9 books, a staff of 3, and over 30 volunteers providing 28 hours
10 of service each week; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, A 6-year study was conducted which led to the
19 creation of a building project designed to meet a 20-year plan
20 for library services to the community; plans were made to

1 expand and remodel the library and improve services, and on
2 September 7, 1995, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the
3 new addition; construction was completed in November of 1996
4 and a grand "reopening" reception was held on December 1, 1996;
5 and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, The library continued to improve services to
14 Bloomingdale teens with the creation of an innovative new teen
15 space and created a New Materials area for adults in April of
16 2015; therefore, be it

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

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be

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1 presented to the Bloomingdale Public Library.