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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 congratulate Oswald's Pharmacy in Naperville on the occasion  
4 of its 150th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Founded in 1875, Oswald's Pharmacy stands as one  
6 of Naperville's oldest, continually family-run businesses and  
7 the longest-running family pharmacy in the State of Illinois;  
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WHEREAS, For six generations, Oswald's Pharmacy has been  
proudly owned and operated by the same family, providing  
trusted and personalized care to the residents of Naperville  
and beyond; and

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WHEREAS, Beginning with its original proprietors, Strayer  
& Cassem, and continuing through William Wallace Wickel, Louis  
Oswald, Harold Kester, Robert Anderson, Bill Anderson, and  
current sixth-generation owner Alex Anderson, Oswald's  
Pharmacy has adapted and thrived through significant  
historical periods, including the arrival of Prohibition, the  
adoption of computerization, and the rise of chain drugstores;  
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WHEREAS, Oswald's Pharmacy has consistently met the

1 evolving needs of the community, expanding from a small  
2 pharmacy with a soda fountain to a full-service establishment  
3 offering expert prescription services, the largest medical  
4 equipment showroom in Chicagoland, and a diverse selection of  
5 gifts, toys, puzzles, games, and health essentials; and

6 WHEREAS, Oswald's Pharmacy's longevity and commitment to  
7 the community exemplifies the enduring spirit of local  
8 business and the importance of family-owned enterprises in  
9 Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Through its acquisition of Riley's Medical  
11 Equipment and Supplies in Geneva in 2023, Oswald's Pharmacy  
12 has further demonstrated its ongoing commitment to expanding  
13 its services and reach within the region; and

14 WHEREAS, Oswald's Pharmacy, in celebrating its remarkable  
15 150th anniversary in 2025, marks a century and a half of  
16 dedicated service to the Naperville community; therefore, be  
17 it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate  
20 Oswald's Pharmacy on its 150th anniversary, acknowledging its  
21 deep-rooted history, its unwavering commitment to the health  
22 and well-being of the Naperville community, and its

1 significant contribution to the fabric of Illinois' small  
2 businesses; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the owners and staff of Oswald's Pharmacy as a  
5 symbol of our esteem and respect.