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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize the Village of Brookfield on the occasion of the rededication of its Bicentennial Liberty Bell in honor of celebrating America 250, the United States' semiquincentennial anniversary; and

WHEREAS, For America's bicentennial celebration in 1976, the Village of Brookfield received a full-size replica of the famous Liberty Bell, made by the same company, Whitechapel Bell Foundry of London, that cast the original bell in 1752; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Brookfield's Bicentennial Liberty Bell was one of approximately 100, and one of just three in Illinois, which were made available to cities and towns across the United States to commemorate the nation's bicentennial in 1976; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Brookfield obtained its Bicentennial Liberty Bell thanks to a group of residents who formed the Brookfield Bicentennial Committee in 1975 to raise the \$14,300 needed to purchase and ship the bell; subsequently, the committee raised money for the bell by selling bell-shaped decals and bumper stickers, and they were

1 further assisted by fundraisers hosted by community
2 organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, The Village of Brookfield received its
4 Bicentennial Liberty Bell on June 28, 1976, and it was
5 dedicated during a ceremonial bell-ringing event with U.S.
6 Congressman Ed Derwinski of the 4th Congressional District of
7 Illinois, which included Brookfield, on July 4, 1976; and

8 WHEREAS, As part of its 4th of July festivities, the
9 Village of Brookfield plans to rededicate the Bicentennial
10 Liberty Bell, located in the southwest corner of Kiwanis Park,
11 on July 4, 2026; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
14 Village of Brookfield on the rededication of its Bicentennial
15 Liberty Bell in honor of celebrating America 250, the United
16 States' semiquincentennial anniversary; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Village of Brookfield as an expression of our
19 esteem and respect.