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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the City of Hoopeston on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Hoopeston was founded in northern Vermilion County in July 1871 at the crossroads of two railroads, which were the Chicago, Danville, and Vincennes Railroad, known today as the C&EI, and the now-defunct Lafayette, Bloomington, and Western Railroads; and

WHEREAS, Hoopeston was named after Thomas Hoopes, who donated the land on which the railroads were built; by 1872, it had grown to 70 buildings and a population of 245; and

WHEREAS, Hoopeston has had a proud history in the agricultural business and in manufacturing, and the city still possesses a canning factory and a can manufacturing factory; and

WHEREAS, Hoopeston was once known as the sweet corn capital of the world; paying tribute to this tradition, it hosts the National Sweetcorn Festival every Labor Day weekend; in conjunction with the festival, it hosts the National Sweetheart Pageant, which brings contestants to Hoopeston from

1 across the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, Hoopeston's sweet corn legacy is further honored
3 by the Hoopeston Area School District's nickname being the
4 Cornjerkers, which first emerged in the 1920s and has earned
5 the school district nationwide honors as one of the most
6 unique high school mascots; and

7 WHEREAS, Hoopeston is an ever evolving city and is adding
8 unique stores, re-establishing some of its historic buildings
9 into viable business options, and continuing to add different
10 types of businesses in the health field; and

11 WHEREAS, To celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary,
12 Hoopeston is holding a number of events and activities
13 starting at the end of May and culminating in a week-long
14 celebration from June 27 to July 3, 2021; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the City of Hoopeston on its 150th
18 anniversary; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Hoopeston Mayor Bill Crusinberry as an expression
21 of our esteem and respect.