



HR0508

LRB102 20923 ECR 29812 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Geneseo on more than 100 years of service to the community; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Geneseo was chartered on October 22, 1920 and was sponsored by the Galesburg Kiwanis Club; of the club's 50 members, 44 members and two guests were present at the first meeting; and

6

7

8

9

WHEREAS, With the exception of a short period of five years during the depression from 1932 to 1937, Kiwanis Club of Geneseo members have met weekly over the past 100 years with the purpose of service to the community and assistance to the aging, the needy, and the youth of Geneseo; and

10

11

12

13

14

WHEREAS, Early projects for the Kiwanis Club of Geneseo included bicycle riding safety, kite flying contests, and old time minstrel shows; more recently, local projects, such as Swim for Fun Day at the Geneseo Pool with Kiwanis watermelon and a Kids Day Doo-Dah Parade of costumed pets, bikes, and wagons, have been popular; and

15

16

17

18

19

20

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Geneseo sponsors two youth activities in the Geneseo school system, the High School Key

21

1 Club, chartered in April of 1996, and the Middle School
2 Builders Club, chartered in February of 2000; both clubs were
3 formed to develop a sense of community service and leadership
4 in young people; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the years, the Kiwanis Club of Geneseo has
6 supported a variety of charitable organizations, including the
7 Children's Miracle Network, assisted seniors with completing
8 their income tax forms, provided college scholarships for Key
9 Club seniors, and completed volunteer work at Hammond Henry
10 Hospital and has grown to offer 30 grants to local charities
11 and has sponsored Boy Scout Troop 131 since its formation; and

12 WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Geneseo has supported many of
13 the Kiwanis International's Worldwide service projects, such
14 as the 1994 IDD (Iodine Deficiency Disorders) \$75 million
15 campaign and the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation through
16 an annual Bowl-A-Thon, and became a gold-level club in support
17 of the 2010 Eliminate project; the local club is most proud of
18 their recent community service project of doubling the size of
19 the Geneseo Park Shelter and renaming it the Kiwanis Pavilion;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Pavilion is the location of the
22 Kiwanis Club of Geneseo's well known community wide annual
23 July 4th "Pork in the Park" dinner; this dinner includes the

1 Maple City Band's patriotic concert held among 900 American
2 Flags in honor of deceased veterans; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Geneseo for making a
6 difference in their community for over 100 years; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Kiwanis Club of Geneseo as a symbol of our
10 respect and esteem.