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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of Alpha on its sesquicentennial on June 1, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, On June 1, 1872, Anson Calkins created a plan for the Village of Alpha; it was created as a railroad town and replaced the town of Oxford, which was located approximately three miles west of current day Alpha; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha was located at the junction between two lines of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad; a since-razed depot was located at the junction; and

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WHEREAS, The village was named Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, because Anson Calkins believed it was the beginning of a great city; it was officially incorporated on January 11, 1895; and

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WHEREAS, Today, the population of Alpha is home to approximately 700 people; nestled on the corners of Knox, Henry, and Mercer counties along US Highway 150, the town is a quiet bedroom community located between three large population centers, consisting of the Quad Cities with 381,000 people, Galesburg with 77,000 people, and Peoria with 416,000 people;

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2 WHEREAS, Many residents gladly embrace a commute to work  
3 consisting of 25 minutes or less as a trade off for more  
4 affordable housing and taxes, smaller classroom sizes in  
5 schools, an abundance of community events, and the chance to  
6 join many area clubs and organizations; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate the Village of Alpha on its sesquicentennial  
10 on June 1, 2022; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable a copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Village of Alpha as a symbol of our respect  
13 and esteem.