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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Village of  
4 Dahlgren on the occasion its 150th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Dahlgren began to be settled in December 1870 as  
6 a result of the construction of the then-St. Louis &  
7 Southeastern Railroad in the northwestern portion of Hamilton  
8 County, 11 miles from McLeansboro; and

9 WHEREAS, Dahlgren was officially established by Deed of  
10 Dedication on March 29, 1872, taking its name from Rear  
11 Admiral John A.B. Dahlgren, a prominent Union officer during  
12 the American Civil War who founded the U.S. Navy's Bureau of  
13 Ordnance and was known for helping General Sherman secure  
14 Savannah, Georgia during the war; and

15 WHEREAS, The historic Louisville & Nashville Railroad  
16 Depot, owned by the village, remains in excellent condition,  
17 providing an iconic and pristine example of "Railroad  
18 Gingerbread" style railway architecture; and

19 WHEREAS, The Alligator Hotel, named for its collection of  
20 live alligators that guests traveled great distances to see,  
21 brought great notoriety to Dahlgren in its early years, with

1 its basement serving as one of the earliest assembly locations  
2 for the original Ford Model T; and

3 WHEREAS, Dahlgren is home to Dahlgren Elementary School,  
4 home of the Bulldogs, and a part of the Hamilton County Unit  
5 #10 School District; and

6 WHEREAS, To commemorate its 150th anniversary, festivities  
7 are to take place across Dahlgren, culminating with a  
8 celebratory event on July 1, 2022; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we congratulate the Village of Dahlgren on the occasion of its  
12 sesquicentennial anniversary, wish the village tremendous  
13 success on its celebration, and wish the village's residents  
14 success and prosperity in the years to come; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the President of the Village of Dahlgren as a  
17 symbol of our admiration and respect on the occasion of  
18 Dahlgren's 150th anniversary celebration.