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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In the early years of the 20th century, the area now called Norridge had small truck farms, and in the 1930s and 1940s, it became a place with many riding stables, being near the forest preserves; and

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WHEREAS, On December 4th, 1948, a referendum incorporated Norridge with 1,675 residents and 80 acres of area that was bounded by Irving Park Road (originally Plank Road), Ozanam Avenue (originally Phillips Road), Montrose Avenue, and Harlem Avenue; and

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WHEREAS, The village doubled in size in 1954, and the population grew from 1,675 at incorporation to 15,251 in the 2020 census; and

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WHEREAS, A resident suggested the name "Norridge," with "Nor" from Norwood Park Township and "Ridge" from nearby Park Ridge; and

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WHEREAS, The first Village Board of Norridge was elected in February 1949 with Karl A. Kuchar as the village's first president, followed by Joseph Sieb being appointed president in November 1951 and serving in that position for 46 years until his death in 1998; and

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1           WHEREAS, After years of village board meetings in Village  
2 Clerk Harold Dierkes' home and public meetings in the Norwood  
3 Park volunteer fire house, Norridge Village Hall was  
4 constructed in 1954 and housed the Mayor and Village Clerk's  
5 offices and the Police Department office; and

6           WHEREAS, The new village hall was dedicated in October of  
7 1990 at the corner of Irving Park Road and Olcott Avenue; the  
8 original village hall was converted into an exclusive police  
9 facility; and

10           WHEREAS, The Norridge Youth Activities (originally the  
11 Youth Activities of Norridge) was established in June of 1954  
12 with the purpose of "social and recreational in the  
13 furtherance of which to have power to promote athletic  
14 activities for the youth of the Village of Norridge"; the  
15 organization was given national recognition with a plaque from  
16 President John F. Kennedy and Presidential Assistant Ralph H.  
17 Dungeon; and

18           WHEREAS, Not to be confused with the English community of  
19 Norwich (pronounced "Noritch"), Norridge is the only community  
20 in the world with that name; and

21           WHEREAS, With terrific schools, infrastructure, and

1 community, Norridge is a phenomenal place to work, live, and  
2 raise a family; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we recognize the approaching 75th anniversary of the Village  
6 of Norridge and congratulate all residents and village  
7 officials on this momentous occasion of over half a century of  
8 incorporation; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 delivered to Norridge Village President Daniel Tannhauser,  
11 Village Clerk Gabriela Krasinski, Trustee Donald Gelsomino,  
12 Trustee Bill Larson, Trustee Jack Bielak, Trustee Andrew  
13 Ronstadt, Trustee Debra J. Budnik, and Trustee Frank Avino Jr.  
14 to congratulate them on this significant anniversary and to  
15 wish them further years of success.