

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Pottawatomie and other Indian tribes first
3 inhabited the area of Hickory Grove, which is now a part of
4 the City of Rochelle; and

5 WHEREAS, The first permanent white settlers in Flagg
6 Township in the southeastern part of Ogle County, Illinois
7 were Jephtha C. Noe, his wife Lucinda, and their children;
8 they arrived in 1835 and settled in Jefferson Grove three
9 miles west of the City of Rochelle; and

10 WHEREAS, Other settlers began to make their homes in the
11 area called Hickory Grove near Kyte River, where they built
12 businesses and established farms; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1853, a large tract of land in and adjacent
14 to Hickory Grove was purchased by R.P. Lane, along with
15 others, and a village was laid out in anticipation of a
16 railroad coming through the area; and

17 WHEREAS, On July 30, 1853 the Town of Lane was
18 incorporated and registered in the County Clerk's Office at
19 the Ogle County Court House; and

20 WHEREAS, The Town of Lane became the City of Rochelle on
21 February 16, 1865; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we proclaim July 30, 2003 as the City of Rochelle's 150th
25 Birthday; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to the Mayor of the City of Rochelle.