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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate The Friends of the Des Plaines Library on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of the Des Plaines Library was founded in April of 1954 by a planning committee of the American Association of University Women, Northwest Suburban Branch, and the parent organizations of the local schools; since its inception, there have been only 14 different presidents; the group has been active in each move of the Des Plaines Library to bigger buildings; the last move was in 2000; and

WHEREAS, When The Friends of the Des Plaines Library originated, the purpose of the organization was to stimulate public interest in the library and collect data on the history of the town; today, the group provides ancillary financial support for the library for items deemed desirable and not normally available through conventional budgetary provisions; fund raising by the group consists of semiannual book sales, with the proceeds used to support programs and purchase items for the Library; and

WHEREAS, Originally, membership fees were \$1 for adults and 25 cents for children through high school; the current membership has 4 designations: Friend, Family, Good Friend, and Benefactor; the single membership is only \$5 per year; current membership in all designations is approximately 600; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, The Friends were involved with the Library's 50th anniversary; the group collected a large file on the history of Des Plaines from 1833, including photographs, family histories, and information on industrial development; in recent years, the Des Plaines Historical Society has taken

1 over this duty; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1992 and 1995, The Friends of the Des Plaines
3 Library worked to support the library referendum committee;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate The Friends of the Des Plaines Library on the
8 occasion of its 50th anniversary; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to The Friends of the Des Plaines Library as an
11 expression of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for
12 the continued success of the organization.