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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Village of Fox Lake on the occasion of the Village centennial; and

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WHEREAS, The Fox Lake region was used as an isolated fishing and hunting spot in the late 19th century, attracting the wealthy sportsmen who would construct private clubhouses in the area; and

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WHEREAS, In 1907 the area began its "resort heyday" when new hotels, cottages, saloons, and public resorts were constructed, taking over the private clubhouses; and

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WHEREAS, In 1907 Fox Lake became an incorporated Village with an elected village president also recognized as the mayor; the first mayor, John Brown, was a storekeeper and the first postmaster of the Village; during his time as mayor he saw the construction of the first Village hall, the fire department was formed, as well as a law enforcement agency; and

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WHEREAS, At the time of incorporation there were between 200 and 400 full-time residents in the area; today the population exceeds 9,000 people; and

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1 WHEREAS, In recent years, the summer cottages and small
2 resorts have been replaced by year-round residences, with
3 people taking advantage of the miles of shoreline and
4 recognizing that it is a good place to live; and

5 WHEREAS, With a downtown revitalization project in
6 progress, school building additions being built, and new stores
7 opening, Fox Lake is experiencing an exciting period of growth;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate the citizens of Fox Lake at this special time in
12 the Village history and wish them continued success in the
13 future; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Mayor of Fox Lake, Cindy Irwin, as a symbol of
16 our esteem.