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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the  
4 Antioch Lions Club on the 70th anniversary of the service  
5 organization; and

6           WHEREAS, The Antioch Lions Club is celebrating seventy  
7 years of service to the community of Antioch and the  
8 surrounding area; the club was organized on July 16, 1937 under  
9 the leadership of Edmund Vos; today the Antioch Lions Club  
10 exceeds 120 members, making it one of the largest Clubs in the  
11 State of Illinois; and

12           WHEREAS, The objectives of the Antioch Lions Club are to  
13 advance the civic and general interest of the Village of  
14 Antioch and the Chain of Lakes Region, to uphold the principles  
15 of good government, and to encourage the application of the  
16 highest standards in business, commerce, and industry by the  
17 exchange of ideas and methods; and

18           WHEREAS, The Lions Club took the Antioch Rescue Squad under  
19 its wing; the Rescue Squad was started in 1939 by three  
20 volunteer firemen; by 1946 the Rescue Squad was struggling,  
21 needing both manpower and funding; Lions Club members  
22 volunteered to join the squad and began to back the Rescue

1 Squad financially; in 1972 the Rescue Squad became the first  
2 advanced life support unit with Paramedics to be certified in  
3 the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Each Thanksgiving and again at Christmas the Lions  
5 Club distributes food baskets to needy families; the Antioch  
6 Lions Club has helped serve the needs of the visually impaired,  
7 with thousands of dollars spent annually for eye examinations,  
8 eye glasses, visual tech machines, guide dogs for the blind,  
9 the eye research center, and institutions such as the Hadley  
10 School for the Blind and CRIS Radio; and

11 WHEREAS, Two days each fall the Lions are out on street  
12 corners for "Candy Days for Humanitarian Services"; candy sales  
13 go to help the hearing impaired, the blind, people with  
14 diabetes, drug abuse programs, and many other service areas;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In addition, the Antioch Lions Club have donated  
17 \$20,000 to the Antioch Rescue Squad for their new truck  
18 chassis; the Club donated \$15,000 to the Antioch Centennial  
19 Playground project for the purchase of wood chip safety ground  
20 cover; the Club collects over 500 used eyeglasses annually that  
21 are sent to the Lions of Illinois Foundation; three truckloads  
22 of food, clothing, and hygiene products were collected and  
23 driven to the victims of Hurricane Katrina; and each year the

1 Antioch Lions award scholarships to Antioch students and have  
2 done so for more than fifty years; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 congratulate the members of the Antioch Lions Club on their  
6 celebration of seventy years of service; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the members of the Antioch Lions Club as a symbol  
9 of our respect.