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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the citizens of
4 Streamwood as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of the
5 incorporation of the community; and

6 WHEREAS, Streamwood's 50th anniversary will be
7 commemorated at the 14th annual Summer Celebration at Hoosier
8 Grove Park, named after the former farming community where
9 Streamwood is now located; and

10 WHEREAS, Events will include children's rides and crafts,
11 the business expo, and performances by rock bands "The
12 StingRays" and "Modern Day Romeos"; and

13 WHEREAS, This year's theme, "Fifty and Fabulous," will be
14 reflected during the Saturday parade; parade marshals will
15 include three pioneers of Streamwood's earliest days, Irene
16 Curtis and Lois and George Venzke, who helped turn the village
17 from a collection of housing developments into a true
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, When Irene Curtis and her late husband, Arthur,
20 and Lois and George Venzke moved to Streamwood in 1958, only
21 months after its incorporation, they found the developers

1 running the village and catering to business interests;
2 affordable housing was what moved them and other families from
3 other cities; there were no schools, stores, or other services
4 in the early years of the village; both Irene Curtis and Lois
5 Venzke became strongly involved in trying to persuade
6 Elgin-based school district U-46 to open schools nearer to
7 Streamwood, but Streamwood did not even have a high school
8 until 1980; and

9 WHEREAS, George Venzke helped establish the Poplar Creek
10 Public Library in the village and served as a trustee for 10
11 years; he also served the village as a member of the zoning
12 board of appeals; and Lois Venzke continues to serve on the
13 village's human-relations commission; and

14 WHEREAS, Streamwood has a population of nearly 36,500
15 people; it is located 33 miles northwest of Chicago, just
16 minutes from O'Hare Airport, and is a steadily growing
17 community; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate the men, women, and children of Streamwood as they
21 celebrate the 50th anniversary of their community; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Billie D. Roth, Village President of Streamwood,
3 as a symbol of our respect and admiration.