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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the citizens of the
4 Village of Hazel Crest on the occasion of the village's 100th
5 anniversary of incorporation; and

6 WHEREAS, Hazel Crest was first settled in 1870 in a farming
7 community known as South Harvey; an enterprising newspaper
8 editor named William McClintock moved to South Harvey from Ohio
9 in 1890 and built a depot so that the local milk train would
10 stop there; this single move opened up transportation
11 opportunities to Chicago and beyond; the little depot which he
12 built served as the area's first real estate office, a public
13 meeting place, a Sunday School room, a day school, and
14 eventually, the post office; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1900, South Harvey's name was changed to Hazel
16 Crest to reflect the large numbers of hazelnut bushes that grew
17 south of town; Hazel Crest was subsequently incorporated in
18 1912; and

19 WHEREAS, The citizens of Hazel Crest have come together
20 repeatedly to construct significant developments for the
21 village, including the construction of the Community Church in
22 1894 and the 1984 adaptation of an elementary school building,

1 which has now become the Martin J. Kauchak Municipal Center,
2 named for President Kauchak, who served the village for 20
3 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Hazel Crest has been honored for its spirit of
5 community volunteerism with 2 Governor's Home Town Awards in
6 2002 and 2008; the village's most recent award was earned after
7 volunteers organized a community-wide Christmas gift drive and
8 presented nearly 100 children-in-need with the special gifts
9 they requested; residents also participate in the village's
10 annual Hazelnut Festival and Black History Month Celebration;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Hazel Crest has been named a Tree City USA for 25
13 consecutive years by The National Arbor Day Foundation; the
14 village has also been the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth
15 Award for 14 years for demonstrating progress in its community
16 forestry program; and

17 WHEREAS, The citizens of the Village of Hazel Crest serve
18 as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the
19 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate the citizens of the Village of Hazel Crest on

1 the occasion of the village's 100th anniversary of
2 incorporation and wish them continued success and happiness in
3 the future; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Village of Hazel Crest as a symbol of our
6 esteem and respect.