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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Mahomet Public Library; and

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WHEREAS, The Mahomet Public Library was founded in 1966, starting out with 3,000 books, art prints, and phonograph records; today, it has over 36,500 books, 2,500 DVDs, 3,500 music CDs and audiobooks, and more than 30,000 digital titles available through membership in various consortia; it has expanded from one room on Main Street to a new, 13,000-square-foot facility that also provides a meeting place for the community; and

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WHEREAS, The Mahomet Public Library grew out of the efforts of a local women's club in the mid-1960s; in January of 1966, members of the Mahomet Town & Country Club - precursor to today's Town & Country Womens Club - formed a committee to explore the possibility of establishing a library; the first Mahomet Township Library opened its doors to the public on October 1, 1967; the first year's operating budget was a modest \$9,600, plus \$4,100 for facility costs; and

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WHEREAS, Ruby Goode was hired as the first librarian in 1968, replacing interim librarian Charles Dawson; she was

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1 followed by Paula Emmons in 1977 and Nan Goodell - the
2 library's first full-time director - in 1980; current Library
3 Director Lynn Schmit has occupied her position for more than
4 half of the library's history, joining the library in 1988; and

5 WHEREAS, In the fall of 1981, the library moved into a
6 4,000-square-foot building at 512 E. Main (now headquarters for
7 Mahomet Township); the following year saw the founding of the
8 Friends of the Mahomet Library, a non-profit group whose
9 fundraising efforts include the Run for the Library; and

10 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Mahomet was growing quickly and
11 outgrowing its library; the Mahomet Public Library moved into
12 its current building in 2009; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Mahomet
16 Public Library and we wish them many more wonderful years; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Mahomet Public Library as an expression of our
20 esteem and respect.