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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives recognize township government is the oldest existing unit of government in the United States; it was first established in Providence, Rhode Island in 1636 and in Illinois in 1850 with the creation of Ela Township; and

WHEREAS, Eighty-Five of the 102 counties in Illinois operate under the township form of government; townships serve more than eight million citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ela Township serves over 40,000 residents in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Ela Township has provided vital programs and services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Ela Township provides services for seniors, youth, and disabled individuals, general assistance, cemetery maintenance, park maintenance, bussing, property assessments, road maintenance, and counseling; and

WHEREAS, Ela Township has been recognized on several occasions, most recently by receiving the Association of Illinois Senior Centers highest honor, the "Mind, Body and

1 Spirit" award, for its "55 Plus" program; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 thank Ela Township for its service to its residents and we  
5 recognize September 21, 2017 as Township Day in Ela Township;  
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the residents of Ela Township as an expression of  
9 our esteem and respect.