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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Orangeville; and

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WHEREAS, On January 1, 1838, John Curtis purchased 80 acres from the United States government at the Dixon Land Office; he built a primitive dam on the Richland Creek and constructed a gristmill and sawmill on the west side of the creek; in 1846, John Bower arrived with his family and purchased the 80 acres and the mills; and

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WHEREAS, In 1851, John Bower had the Stephenson County Surveyor plan a new village on the east side of Richland Creek; Orangeville continued to grow and was incorporated in 1867; and

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WHEREAS, Although the origin of the name Orangeville is unknown, there are three possibilities - it was named in honor of Orangeville, Pennsylvania to draw settlers from that area; it was named after the Hedge or Mock Orange that grew in the area; or it was named after a prairie plant with an orange flower that also grew in the area; and

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WHEREAS, Today, Orangeville is a community of approximately 800 people; it maintains its own school system,

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1 and numerous businesses populate the downtown area; therefore,  
2 be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 recognize the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the  
6 Village of Orangeville, and we wish it many more wonderful  
7 years; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Village President Michael Siedschlag.