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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The City of Highland Park was granted a charter by
3 the General Assembly in March of 1869; and

4 WHEREAS, Highland Park was the fourth North Shore Community
5 to receive a charter; since its inception, it has grown from
6 1,154 citizens in 1880 to nearly 30,000 in 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, Highland Park is under the leadership of Mayor
8 Nancy Rotering, the first female mayor of Highland Park, and
9 City Council Members, Anthony E. Blumberg, Michelle Holleman,
10 Daniel A. Kaufman, Alyssa Knobel, Kim Stone, and Adam Stolberg;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Highland Park boasts a vibrant downtown district
13 supportive of small businesses, amazing restaurants, and
14 walkable outdoor shopping accessible to all its residents and
15 visitors; and

16 WHEREAS, Highland Park is consistently rated one of the
17 best places to live in Illinois, including a 2018 top 20
18 ranking as one of the Best Small Towns in America, a 2018 top
19 five ranking as one of the Top Lakefront "Beach Towns" in
20 America, and a 2018 ranking as one of the One Hundred Safest
21 Cities in America; and

1 WHEREAS, Highland Park is a leader in the protection and
2 preservation of green spaces, culturally significant places,
3 and historical landmarks, including the Ravinia Festival, the
4 Willits House by Frank Lloyd Wright, and several parks designed
5 by landscape architect Jens Jensen; and

6 WHEREAS, Highland Park is home to prominent cultural and
7 civic leaders including Elisha Grey, the developer of the
8 telephone prototype, Dr. John Grunsfeld, a physicist and NASA
9 astronaut who participate in five space shuttle missions, and
10 Rachel Brosnahan, an Emmy Award-winning actress; therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare March 1, 2019 as
15 "Highland Park Sesquicentennial Day" in the State of Illinois;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering as a symbol of
19 our respect and esteem.