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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The official Sesquicentennial celebration of the Village of McLean will take place on September 9-11, 2005 with a festival, parade, entertainment, and style show with fashions spanning the past 150 years; and

WHEREAS, The planning committee has also invited several local politicians, as well as President George W. Bush, to attend the celebration or appear in the parade; the committee hopes the celebration will be a memorable event for all citizens and plans to create a history book which will highlight the celebration events and include stories about past and present citizens, pictures, and articles about past businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Village of McLean was formed on June 27, 1855; in 1867, McLean was incorporated as a Village and the train depot was built next to the railroad; with a current population of approximately 820 citizens, the Village is located about halfway between Chicago and St. Louis on I-55; prior to I-55 being constructed, historic Route 66 came through the Village; and

WHEREAS, Today, the downtown area consists of a bank, post office, village office, hardware store, tanning salon, and community hall; Shorty's Barber Shop, a small hometown hardware store, and a new library built in 2002 are also located on the square; three small churches are located in the Village; and the Dixie Cafe, an antique store, McDonalds, and the Super 8 Motel are located on the edge of town at the Route 136 exit off of I-55; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor and recognize the Village of McLean and its residents

1 on the 150th anniversary of its founding and express our
2 sincerest best wishes for the future; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the Village of McLean.