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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the Brookfield Historical
4 Society as it celebrates the 125th anniversary of the Grossdale
5 Station; and

6 WHEREAS, The historic Grossdale Station was constructed by
7 real estate developer Samuel Eberly Gross in 1889; the station
8 was the village's first public building; in 1905, Grossdale
9 became Brookfield; and

10 WHEREAS, The Grossdale Station was used as a stop on the
11 Burlington line until it was set to be demolished and replaced
12 in 1977, but through the efforts of the Brookfield Historical
13 Society, the station was purchased in 1981 and moved across the
14 railroad tracks to its current home; and

15 WHEREAS, Countless hours of volunteer work went into
16 restoring the exterior of the Grossdale Station to its 1889
17 appearance, and it is now one of the most distinctive historic
18 buildings in the area; it is the oldest surviving public
19 building in Brookfield and the oldest intact station on the
20 Burlington commuter line; and

21 WHEREAS, The Grossdale Station has been on the National

1 Register of Historic Places since 1982; it now houses the
2 Brookfield Historical Society and a museum featuring mementoes
3 and artifacts from Brookfield's past, including a second floor
4 station master's apartment; and

5 WHEREAS, The Brookfield Historical Society will be hosting
6 a celebration event on October 26, 2014 at the Grossdale
7 Station; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we recognize the Brookfield Historical Society as it celebrates
11 the Grossdale Station's 125th anniversary; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Brookfield Historical Society as a symbol of
14 our esteem and respect.