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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Olney and Richland County are celebrating the Dodransbicentennial, the 175th anniversary, of their founding, from July 22, 2016 to July 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Richland County was formed in 1841 by combining approximately 350 square miles of land from Clay and Lawrence Counties; and

WHEREAS, "Olney", so named by Judge Aaron Shaw after his dear friend, Nathan Olney, was chosen as the county seat due to its central location; and

WHEREAS, Olney and Richland County have a rich history of employment opportunities and serve as transportation, medical, cultural, and agricultural centers for southeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, For over 50 years, students have received quality, affordable secondary education at Olney Central College, located in Olney and Richland County; and

WHEREAS, Olney is widely known as the "Home of the White Squirrels", a safe haven for a large colony of albino squirrels that first appeared in the early 1900s; the squirrels remain an

1 attraction for curious visitors from all over the world; and

2 WHEREAS, Olney proudly hosts the Cummins Municipal Band,
3 the oldest continuously operating municipal band in Illinois
4 and a fixture since 1807; and

5 WHEREAS, Many hundreds of Olney and Richland County
6 residents, from the Civil War to the present, have faithfully
7 served our country in defense of freedom and democracy in the
8 U.S. Armed Forces; and

9 WHEREAS, As home to many churches, fraternal and service
10 organizations, and volunteer groups, Olney and Richland County
11 citizens are generous in their donations to fellow citizens and
12 many worthy causes in the community and beyond; and

13 WHEREAS, The City of Olney and Richland County are home to
14 viable, prosperous, and proud rural communities whose citizens
15 respect their history with vision for the future; therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate the citizens of the City of Olney and Richland
20 County on the occasion of their 175th anniversary and wish them
21 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to the City of Olney and Richland County as an
4 expression of our esteem and respect.