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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Lincoln Park Zoo on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Lincoln Park Zoo had its beginnings in 1868 with the gift of two pairs of swans from Central Park in New York City; and

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WHEREAS, Beginning in 1888, Cyrus DeVry oversaw the building of several new structures and the arrival of many new animal species, including monkeys and elephants; and

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WHEREAS, Many new exhibits were built over the early part of the 20th century, including the bird house and the primate house; in 1931, the famous western lowland gorilla "Bushman" arrived; and

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WHEREAS, Over the 1960s and 1970s, Lincoln Park Zoo strengthened its commitment to educating schoolchildren through a variety of programming, including the popular Zoo-to-You which brought zoo animals directly into Chicago Public School classrooms; and

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WHEREAS, In 1989, Lincoln Park Zoo began its conservation

1 and science department, which has become one of the nation's  
2 largest and most effective wildlife conservation and science  
3 programs; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2008, Lincoln Park Zoo developed and  
5 implemented the Urban Wildlife Institute, the nation's most  
6 comprehensive urban wildlife conservation and science program,  
7 which has now been adopted by numerous other cities throughout  
8 the U.S.; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2018, Lincoln Park Zoo announced one the most  
10 ambitious capital projects in its 150-year history: a complete  
11 overhaul of the Kovler Lion House; and

12 WHEREAS, Lincoln Park Zoo remains the nation's only  
13 privately-managed, free-admission zoo in the country;  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 congratulate Lincoln Park Zoo on its 150th anniversary in 2018,  
18 and we wish it many more successful years; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Lincoln Park Zoo as a symbol of our respect and  
21 esteem.