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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of Glencoe on the occasion of its 150th anniversary on March 29, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, The Village of Glencoe was first settled by Anson Taylor and several German and English immigrant families; In early 1869, the Village was a small community with less than 30 homes, a few local stores, a country school, a church, and a railway station connected by dirt roads; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander Hammond, the Village founder, and his investors from the Glencoe Company gave serious thought and consideration to the development of the community and began a planning process that predates the creation of the first official Plan Commission in the early 1920s and continues to this day; and

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WHEREAS, The Village of Glencoe was officially incorporated under a Special Charter granted by an act of the Illinois State legislature on March 29, 1869; since that time, the Village has become a leader and model for other communities, having established a council-manager form of government in 1914, the first in the State of Illinois and one of the first in the nation; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Village of Glencoe has also become a leader
2 and model for other communities in protecting the safety of its
3 residents, from the first constables and magistrates in 1869
4 and the acquisition of the first motorized truck in 1915 to
5 becoming the first municipality in the State of Illinois to
6 combine police and fire protection into a unified Department of
7 Public Safety; and

8 WHEREAS, The Village of Glencoe has always focused on
9 education, from the first one-room schoolhouse sponsored by
10 early settlers through the construction of Central School in
11 the late 1800s, North and South Schools in the 1920s, and West
12 School in the late 1950s; the Village has been a leader in its
13 commitment to teaching and administrative excellence and
14 created an innovative plan to place parks next to its schools
15 to enrich both the mental and physical development of its
16 youth; and

17 WHEREAS, The Village of Glencoe's residential development
18 represents a museum of domestic architectural styles dating
19 from the mid-19th century, including the work of noted American
20 architects William Boyington, Howard van Doren Shaw, David
21 Adler, George Fred and William Keck, and George W. Maher and
22 renown landscape architects Jens Jensen and Frederick Law
23 Olmsted Jr.; most notably, the Village has the third largest

1 collection of Frank Lloyd Wright-designed structures in the
2 world; and

3 WHEREAS, with its wooded bluffs and deep ravines, the
4 Village of Glencoe was declared the "Queen of the Suburbs," by
5 early map makers; the beauty of the Village has been preserved
6 through the conservation of Lakefront Park and enhanced over
7 the years with many additional parks, the development of the
8 Green Bay Trail, and the establishment of the Chicago Botanic
9 Garden in 1972; and

10 WHEREAS, The people who have created, developed, and kept
11 the Village vibrant since its incorporation represent a
12 uniquely diverse group of residents from all racial, ethnic,
13 religious, trade, and business backgrounds who share their love
14 of and commitment to the Village of Glencoe; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the Village of Glencoe on the occasion of its
18 150th anniversary on March 29, 2019, and we wish them many more
19 successful years; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village
22 of Glencoe as an expression of our esteem and respect.