



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On April 5, 1955, the residents of Fremont
3 Township were presented with a referendum to create a free
4 public library; a newspaper article at the time cited several
5 reasons why a tax-supported public library should be created;
6 chief among them was that the library "is a democratic
7 institution which contributes to the American way of life"
8 which "contributes to an enlightened society"; and

9 WHEREAS, The referendum passed and on December 2, 1955, the
10 Fremont Township Public Library opened its doors to the public;
11 the library began with a modest collection of fewer than 6,000
12 books; and

13 WHEREAS, Today the Fremont Public Library is open seven
14 days a week and serves a population of almost 30,000; the
15 collection has grown to 115,000 items, including materials in
16 print, audio-visual, and electronic formats; last year, nearly
17 265,000 visitors entered the building, with thousands more
18 making virtual visits 24 hours a day, seven days a week by
19 connecting to the library's website; and

20 WHEREAS, This year marks the 50th anniversary of the
21 Fremont Public Library; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
24 congratulate the staff and board of trustees of the Fremont
25 Public Library on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and be
26 it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to the director of the Fremont Public Library as an
29 expression of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for
30 its continued success.