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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are pleased to recognize the historic significance of the birth of the Village of Brooklyn, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, In 1873, some five years after the establishment of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which established and bestowed American citizenship to free, formerly enslaved Africans, 40 free, formerly enslaved Africans petitioned for the legal incorporation of the new government of the Village of Brooklyn; and

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WHEREAS, The incorporation of the Village of Brooklyn marked the birth of the first African-American incorporated town; and

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WHEREAS, In July of 2003, the Village of Brooklyn joined with Venice and Eagle Park Acres to form the North Star Corridor Economic Alliance Project; this project works to enhance all three of the aforementioned communities by focusing on re-investment and re-development opportunities in concert with the current economic expansions underway in the North Star Corridor area; the project strives to promote economic self-determination with dignity; therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           recognize the 134th birthday of the historic Village of  
4           Brooklyn, Illinois, a pioneer in African-American cultural  
5           self-determination; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to the Village of Brooklyn, Illinois, as an  
8           expression of our esteem.