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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the citizens of the  
4 Village of Lostant on the occasion of the village's 150th  
5 anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The Village of Lostant was founded in Hope  
7 Township in southern LaSalle County in 1861 during the first  
8 months of the Civil War; the village was originally named  
9 Ellsworth, in honor of Colonel Elmer Ellsworth, the first  
10 officer to be killed in the Civil War; the village was renamed  
11 Lostant in 1863 in honor of a stockholder of the Illinois  
12 Central Railroad; the village was formally incorporated in  
13 1867; and

14           WHEREAS, Located at the intersection of the Illinois  
15 Central and New York Central Railroads, the Village of Lostant  
16 has served as an important grain shipping point for  
17 southwestern LaSalle County since its inception; and

18           WHEREAS, The Village of Lostant, with a population of 498,  
19 is representative of many small towns in rural Illinois;  
20 Lostant provides important services to southwest LaSalle  
21 County, including volunteer fire protection, volunteer  
22 ambulance service, a library, a school, a bank, a post office,

1 a variety of farm services, and several small manufacturers;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Lostant has always provided an excellent  
4 educational opportunity for local residents; the village's  
5 first school was a one room school built in 1862; the village's  
6 first two-story school house was built in 1868; students in  
7 Lostant consistently match or exceed the performance of their  
8 peers around the State of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Lostant's residents have served their country in  
10 every war since the village's founding; the village's cemetery  
11 includes a veteran from the Spanish-American War and at least  
12 14 veterans of the Civil War; American Legion Post 173  
13 continues to serve the veterans of the area; and

14 WHEREAS, Lostant is the hometown of Air Force Colonel  
15 Milton Hartenbower, the 684th person to fly at Mach 2; Colonel  
16 Hartenbower served one tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam,  
17 and helped design early remote control aircraft during his 27  
18 years in the United States Air Force before retiring to his  
19 hometown; in addition, noted Chicago sculptor Laredo Taft  
20 favored clay mined in Lostant for his models; and

21 WHEREAS, The citizens of the Village of Lostant will  
22 celebrate the 150th anniversary of the village's founding in

1 the summer of 2011; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate the citizens of the Village of Lostant on the  
5 occasion of the village's 150th anniversary and wish them  
6 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Fred Hartenbower, Mayor of the Village of Lostant,  
10 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.