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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 Round Lake Beach on the occasion of the village's  
5 75th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, Development around Round Lake began in the 1920s  
7 as a resort attraction for Chicago's working class; at this  
8 time, small, wooded lots with summer cottages were available  
9 for as little as \$600; with demands growing for municipal  
10 services, a proposal for incorporation of the community was  
11 eagerly received in 1936; on January 19, 1937, Round Lake Beach  
12 was incorporated as a village with a population of 200 people;  
13 the village's original board of trustees was composed of Peter  
14 Crowley, Edward M. Lahey, William Hingst, Frank Krakora, Hana  
15 Roeb, and Charles Rogers, and John C. Ness was the village's  
16 first village clerk; and

17           WHEREAS, As automobile ownership grew, Round Lake Beach  
18 began to attract year-round residents who would commute between  
19 Round Lake Beach and their jobs in Chicago or nearby suburban  
20 communities; the Great Depression also made its mark on the  
21 village by changing it from a summer resort to a permanent  
22 residential community as unemployment mounted in the city  
23 forcing people to vacate apartments and move to their summer

1 homes; the village's population steadily grew throughout the  
2 decades, with numerous businesses and municipal projects built  
3 by the village's industrious residents; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1947, the residents of Round Lake Beach formed  
5 the Round Lake Sanitary District; since Round Lake Beach did  
6 not have the bonding power to install laterals and mains, the  
7 village passed a referendum in 1958 to finance construction of  
8 a system of mains and laterals that was nearing completion on  
9 the village's 26th anniversary; and

10 WHEREAS, The rapid rate of housing construction in Round  
11 Lake Beach significantly increased in the 1990s with the  
12 development of the Sutton on the Lake, Foxchase, and Country  
13 Walk subdivisions; approximately 250 units were built annually  
14 between 1990 and 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, Round Lake Beach has seen continued  
16 significant growth in the commercial sector, while the  
17 population has grown to a 2010 total of 28,175; since 2000, the  
18 village has developed its new Village Hall and Police Station,  
19 expanded its Metra facilities, and built a new Village Cultural  
20 and Civic Center; the Round Lake Area Park District has also  
21 expanded its park holdings within the village and built its  
22 district wide Sports Center in the village's town center, while  
23 the Round Lake Area Fire Protection District has grown as well;

1 the combined growth of this variety of land uses has made Round  
2 Lake Beach one of the main regional community centers for  
3 western Lake County; and

4 WHEREAS, The citizens of Round Lake Beach serve as models  
5 of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the  
6 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate the citizens of the Village of Round Lake Beach  
10 on the occasion of the village's 75th anniversary and wish them  
11 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the Round Lake Beach Mayor Rich Hill as a symbol  
15 of our esteem and respect.