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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The official 150th celebration of the founding of
3 the Village of Noble will take place August 11, 2012; Noble was
4 officially chartered in 1862 by the State of Illinois; Noble is
5 located in Richland County, 7 miles west of the county seat of
6 Olney and 30 miles southeast of Effingham, straddling the
7 railroad and adjacent to the coast-to-coast U.S. Route 50; and

8 WHEREAS, The Village of Noble, population 675, was founded
9 in 1853 by Lemuel Truitt, who came from Lawrence County; he was
10 a progressive individual who worked to establish a prosperous
11 community after the village and surrounding land were deeded to
12 him by then President Fillmore in 1853; and

13 WHEREAS, The first church established was of the Baptist
14 denomination, followed shortly by a Methodist Church and a
15 Church of Christ or Christian Church; the Village of Noble has
16 always maintained a strong faith in God; and

17 WHEREAS, Noble was a prosperous community through its early
18 years, with businesses such as a flour mill, general
19 merchandises, banks, hotels, apple evaporators, a doctor, a
20 dentist, a hatchery, a car dealership, an auto repair garage,
21 gas stations, a livery, a post office, taverns, a pool hall, an
22 ice house, a railroad station and depot, and oil production;

1 when the oil production declined, the village population went
2 down, with many of the children of residents choosing to locate
3 elsewhere when they reached adulthood; and

4 WHEREAS, Noble is proud of the many individuals who grew up
5 in and around the village and went to other parts of the
6 country (and the world), including educators, nurses,
7 engineers, accountants, farmers, doctors, scientific
8 professionals, artists, musicians, military personnel, and
9 other professional and business people who still consider Noble
10 "home," a testimonial to the lessons learned and the solid
11 family structure that produced such fine citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Noble continues to be a viable, rural community at
13 a time when small towns are declining and disappearing across
14 the country; and

15 WHEREAS, Noble citizens have always been willing and able
16 to perform their patriotic duties; many men and women have
17 served in the Armed Services and, upon leaving the service,
18 have had an impact on the community; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate the citizens of the Village of Noble on the
22 occasion of the 150th anniversary of the community; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the citizens of the Village of Noble as a symbol
4 of our respect and esteem.