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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Village of Hanover Park on the occasion of its 2023 Juneteenth celebration; and

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WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the abolition of slavery in the United States and its territories in 1865; it is also observed for celebrating African American culture; and

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WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln enacted the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, freeing slaves throughout the south; however, it was not until June 19, 1865, over two years later and over two months after General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, that slaves in Galveston, Texas received the news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were freed, making it the official end of slavery; and

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WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been typically observed on June 19th since 1865; and

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WHEREAS, The Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee will host Hanover Park's Juneteenth celebration at Ontarioville Plaza in Hanover Park on June 18, 2023, with live music,

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1 vendors, food trucks, activities for children, and more;  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we recognize the Village of Hanover Park's Juneteenth  
6 celebration as a time to reflect and to commemorate the end of  
7 slavery; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the Village of Hanover Park as an expression of  
10 our esteem and respect.