

House Resolution 545

By: Representative Drenner of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the City of Avondale Estates for its Tree City USA recognition; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, located in DeKalb County near Decatur, Avondale Estates was founded in 1924
4 by George Francis Willis, a patent medicine magnate; and

5 WHEREAS, originally named Ingleside, the village was purchased by Willis to create a
6 planned community; he named it for the birthplace of William Shakespeare,
7 Stratford-upon-Avon, and its Tudor-style buildings reinforce this English pride; and

8 WHEREAS, the city was incorporated in 1927, noted as being the only planned city in the
9 Southeast; today, it boasts a population of 2,960 and is listed in the National Register of
10 Historic Places; and

11 WHEREAS, Avondale Estates was named by the Arbor Day Foundation as a 2018 Tree City
12 in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management; and

13 WHEREAS, the city achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four
14 requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community
15 forestry budget of at least \$2.00 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the city also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating
18 environmental improvement and higher level of tree care; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
20 extraordinary city be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend the City of Avondale Estates for its Tree City USA
23 recognition and for its invaluable role in promoting conservation and environmentalism.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 City of Avondale Estates.