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**A RESOLUTION**

**Directing the City Manager to Develop a Plan with the "Save The Cottage Association" and the Evanston Convention and Visitors Bureau on Behalf of the City of Evanston regarding "The Cottage"**

WHEREAS, the building known as "The Cottage" is currently located at 516 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, "The Cottage" was originally built as a Pure Oil service station, and

WHEREAS, the construction of "The Cottage" was designed by Evanston architect, Carl A. Peterson, and patented in 1929, and

WHEREAS, the design of "The Cottage" was developed to create a service station that would blend in with residential neighborhoods, and the design is based upon the likeness of an English cottage, and

WHEREAS, "The Cottage" is an excellent example of American roadside architecture, and

WHEREAS, the preservation of "The Cottage" as a fine example of commercial architecture is of importance to the City and all its residents, and

WHEREAS, "The Cottage" has numerous historical ties to the Evanston community including, Evanstonian Henry Dawes, President of Pure Oil Company and his wife Helen who was a founder of The Cradle in Evanston, and

WHEREAS, the owner of "The Cottage" intends to demolish the structure, and

WHEREAS, the Save the Cottage Association, a not-for-profit organization, has been created for the purpose of saving "The Cottage", and

WHEREAS, the Save the Cottage Association has entered into various successful fund-raising activities, and

WHEREAS, the Save the Cottage Association is prepared to accept, refurbish and relocate "The Cottage" to a site selected by the City of Evanston, and

WHEREAS, the Save the Cottage Association urges that "The Cottage" be used as a visitor center to promote commercial, cultural and recreational tourism in Evanston, and

WHEREAS, the productive readaptive use of the refurbished cottage is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Evanston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Evanston, Cook County, Illinois,

SECTION 1: That the City Manager is hereby directed to work with the Save the Cottage Association and the newly established Evanston Convention and Visitors Bureau to develop a plan for use of "The Cottage" as a visitor center for Evanston or for other public/civic uses.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner required by law.

Lorraine A. Norton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary J. Morris  
City Clerk

Adopted: July 13, 1998

