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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many places in Illinois are significant sites of
3 local, State, national, and world history; and

4 WHEREAS, Visitors to these sites learn about historic
5 people, ideas, and developments; and

6 WHEREAS, Such visits deepen our interests in, and
7 appreciation of, history; and

8 WHEREAS, History helps us understand our place in the world
9 and how we might improve it; and

10 WHEREAS, Increasing visitations at historic sites
11 stimulates beautification, preservation, conservation,
12 tourism, and business in Illinois communities and counties
13 where they are located; and

14 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Historical Society, organized
15 in 1899 and recognized by the Illinois General Assembly in
16 1903, has already placed markers at more than four hundred
17 historic sites around the State; and

18 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly and the Illinois
19 State Historical Society now seek to heighten historical

1 awareness in Illinois residents and visitors by calling
2 attention to these markers and historic sites throughout the
3 State; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 the week of February 25 through March 2 in 2007 shall be known
7 as Illinois State Historical Society Markers Awareness Week
8 with a special State ceremony in Springfield on March 2, 2007;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That all Illinois residents and visitors are
11 encouraged to celebrate this week by learning about historic
12 sites in their locales, visiting them, reflecting on their
13 importance in history, communicating with others about them,
14 and attending ceremonies commemorating them; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That members of the House of Representatives are
16 encouraged to participate in the events of this week with their
17 colleagues in the Capitol and their constituents in their home
18 districts.