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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The first session of the Illinois General Assembly
3 convened on October 5, 1818 in Kaskaskia; and

4 WHEREAS, As Illinois was not yet a state in October 1818,
5 General Assembly members did not pass legislation during the
6 first week of session in 1818 and adjourned until statehood was
7 approved; and

8 WHEREAS, The second session of the First General Assembly
9 convened in January 1819 after Illinois was officially declared
10 a state on December 3, 1818; and

11 WHEREAS, The first piece of legislation of the Illinois
12 General Assembly was on a hand-written, one-page document, An
13 Act Declaring What Laws are in Force in This State, which made
14 British Common Law the rule of the land until aspects were
15 superseded by the General Assembly; and

16 WHEREAS, The 14 senators of the First Illinois General
17 Assembly were: Martin Jones of Bond County, Joseph Kitchell of
18 Crawford County, Guy W. Smith of Edwards County, Michael Jones
19 of Gallatin County, Conrad Will of Jackson County, Thomas
20 Roberts of Johnson and Franklin Counties, George Cadwell of
21 Madison County, Alexander Jamison of Monroe County, Lewis

1 Barker of Pope County, William Kinney of St. Clair County, John
2 McFerron of Randolph County, Thomas Cox of Union County, Zariah
3 Maddux of Washington County, and Willis Hargrave of White
4 County; and

5 WHEREAS, The 29 representatives of the First Illinois
6 General Assembly were: Francis Kirkpatrick of Bond County,
7 David Porter and Scott Riggs of Crawford County, Levi Compton
8 and Henry Utter of Edwards County, Elijah Ewing of Franklin
9 County, John Marshall and Samuel McClintock of Gallatin County,
10 Jesse Greggs of Jackson County, Isaac D. Wilcox of Johnson
11 County, Abraham Prickett, John Howard, and Samuel Whiteside of
12 Madison County, William Alexander of Monroe County, Green B.
13 Field and Robert Hamilton of Pope County, Risdon Moore, John
14 Messinger, and James D. Thomas of St. Clair County, Edward
15 Humphreys of Randolph County, Jesse Echols and John Whiteaker
16 of Union County, Daniel S. Swearngen of Washington County, and
17 William McHenry, William Nash, and Alexander Phillips of White
18 County; and

19 WHEREAS, On February 4, 1819, An Act Declaring What Laws
20 are in Force in This State was signed by the first Governor of
21 Illinois, Shadrach Bond, the first Lieutenant Governor of
22 Illinois, Pierre Menard, who also served as the Senate
23 President for the First General Assembly, and the first Speaker
24 of the House, John Messinger; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we commemorate the passage of the first Public Act in Illinois
4 on February 4, 1819.