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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Vandalia Historical Society is the active
3 group supporting both the Historic Vandalia State House and the
4 Little Brick House, both of which are listed on the National
5 Registry of Historic Places; and

6 WHEREAS, The Vandalia Historical Society provides
7 educational and cultural activities for thousands of school
8 children and visitors annually and also sponsors a variety of
9 fundraisers to help maintain the Historic Vandalia State House
10 and the Little Brick House sites; and

11 WHEREAS, Vandalia was the second capitol city, after
12 Kaskaskia, and home to the second, third, and fourth capitol
13 buildings; the fourth building is the Historic Vandalia State
14 House, which is located at Gallatin Street and is the oldest
15 surviving Illinois State Capitol building, where notable
16 figures, including Abraham Lincoln, served in the Illinois
17 House of Representatives from 1836 until 1839; and

18 WHEREAS, The Madonna of the Trail, a large statue donated
19 by the Daughters of the American Revolution and dedicated in
20 1928, is located on the southwest corner of the Vandalia State
21 House grounds and commemorates Vandalia as the official
22 terminus of the historic National Road; and

1 WHEREAS, The Little Brick House, located at 621 St. Clair
2 Street, has been preserved as an example of Italianate
3 architecture and is furnished with period pieces, antiques, and
4 early Vandalia artifacts from the mid 1800s; and

5 WHEREAS, The Little Brick House contains furniture, china,
6 engravings, and books acquired from the families of state
7 officers, legislators, and the Ferdinand Ernst Colony; it
8 houses the Berry-Hall library room, which pays tribute to James
9 William Berry, the first talented artist of Illinois, and to
10 Judge James Hall, who established Vandalia as the first
11 literary center west of Cincinnati; and

12 WHEREAS, The Vandalia Historical Society continues to
13 research the history of the City of Vandalia and the Old State
14 Capitol to verify and expand the knowledge of their historical
15 significance; and

16 WHEREAS, The Benjamin Mills Chapter of the Daughters of the
17 American Revolution (DAR), which covers Bond and Fayette
18 Counties, has been approved by the National Society Daughters
19 of the American Revolution (NSDAR) National Headquarters in
20 Washington, D.C. to award the Historic Preservation Award and
21 Medal to the Vandalia Historical Society; and

1 WHEREAS, This rare and very prestigious recognition will be
2 awarded to the Vandalia Historical Society on March 9, 2019 at
3 1:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Greenville;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate the Vandalia Historical Society on their
8 well-deserved recognition; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 presented to Susan Williams and the Vandalia Historical Society
11 and to Lisa Stephens and the Benjamin Mills Chapter of the
12 Daughters of the American Revolution as an expression of our
13 esteem and respect.