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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the third Moultrie County Courthouse was dedicated November 12, 1906 before a crowd of several thousand; it was built on the same location as the 1845 courthouse and the 1865 courthouse; the construction was authorized by the citizens by a vote of 1,165 yes and 816 no at a special election authorized by the Board of Supervisors and held February 16, 1904; and

WHEREAS, In May 1904 the Board of Supervisors selected the design of the firm of Deal & Ginzel architects of Lincoln, IL; the plans called for a 75'x 90' three story building, with basement, and 112" to the top of the dome; in August 1904 the building contract was awarded to W. B. Walters, Co., Danville, IL, in the amount of \$67,952.50; and

WHEREAS, The cornerstone was laid October 14, 1904 under the auspice of the Knight of Pythias before a crowd estimated at 6,000; and

WHEREAS, On August 6, 1906 the courthouse was completed and turned over the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, At the November 12, 1906 dedication a statue of a Civil War soldier was dedicated and placed on the courthouse lawn; a fountain paid for by the W.C.T.U. was also placed on the courthouse lawn; In 1907 a Civil War cannon was obtained by Sen. William McKinley of Urbana, given to the county and the Grand Army of the Republic, and placed on the courthouse lawn; and in 1921 a monument was erected on the courthouse lawn commemorating Abraham Lincoln and his travels across the Eighth Judicial Circuit, which included Moultrie County; and

WHEREAS, The Moultrie County Courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 25, 1995 by the

1 State of Illinois and the United States Department of the  
2 Interior, National Park Service; and

3 WHEREAS, At the October 28, 2006 Centennial Celebration the  
4 Civil War statue is being rededicated by all Moultrie County  
5 Veteran's Organizations in honor of all Moultrie County  
6 soldiers, past, present, and future; a bronze memorial plaque  
7 is being placed on the Civil War Canon by Hagen Drug Store and  
8 Sullivan Sons of the American Legion; the Moultrie County Bar  
9 Association is placing a Centennial Celebration bronze plaque  
10 inside the courthouse; the Moultrie County Board is placing a  
11 new monument in the courthouse lawn with brief information on  
12 the three courthouses on a bronze plaque; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we congratulate the citizens of Moultrie County on this  
16 historic anniversary and wish continued success to the people  
17 that work and do business in the Moultrie County Courthouse;  
18 may it continue to be a focal point in Sullivan; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the Moultrie County Board.