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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the 250th anniversary
4 of Fort De L'Ascension, the first fort built at the site of
5 Fort Massac; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1757, during the French and Indian War, the
7 French pioneers exploring the lower Ohio and Mississippi River
8 valleys built Fort De L'Ascension on a strategic bluff
9 overlooking the Ohio River, near present day Metropolis; and

10 WHEREAS, The site was renamed Fort Massiac two years later;
11 after the Revolutionary War, President Washington ordered the
12 fort rebuilt, and in 1794 the fort was reconstructed as Fort
13 Massac; and

14 WHEREAS, Massac County and Fort Massac State Park are named
15 for the historic fort; generations have visited the historic
16 site to get a vision of history; and

17 WHEREAS, Friends of the Fort and the staff of Fort Massac
18 State Park are to be commended for their hard work in
19 preserving this State and national treasure as well; and

20 WHEREAS, On the weekend of May 18-20, 2007, the 250th

1 anniversary of the first French fort built at Massac will be
2 celebrated; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 commend the staff of Fort Massac State Park and the Friends of
6 the Fort and congratulate them as they celebrate this milestone
7 anniversary in the history of the State of Illinois; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Sue Barfield, President of Friends of the Fort,
11 and Terry Johnson, site superintendent of Fort Massac State
12 Park, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.