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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives recognize the important role that the Illinois territory played in the War of 1812; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois territory was on the border of the conflict between Great Britain, then allied with many Native American nations, and the young United States of America; the British occupied a part and at times all of the Michigan territory and used Illinois territory to conduct raids on American settlements during the war; and

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WHEREAS, The people of the State of Illinois want to recognize all of the Native American peoples who lived, walked on, or traveled the waters and trails of this territory which became this great State now called Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Although only a small company of U.S. troops were stationed in the Illinois territory, these brave men held their own against the British and Indian invasions and attacks against settlers in the area; and

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WHEREAS, After the Treaty of Ghent was signed and the war ended, it was once again safe to work and settle in the Illinois territory; and

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1 WHEREAS, Illinois gained statehood in 1818 and began to
2 form its place in the history of our country; and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission,
4 a federally recognized not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization,
5 has been formed to recognize the important role that the
6 Illinois territory played in this epic part of American
7 history; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we urge the State of Illinois and the Governor to support the
11 Illinois War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission and their efforts
12 to recognize the upcoming anniversary; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
14 to the Governor of the State of Illinois to recognize the
15 Illinois War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.