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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Many places in the State of Illinois are significant sites of local, State, national, and world history; and

WHEREAS, Visitors to these sites learn about historic people, ideas, and events that occurred there; and

WHEREAS, Such visits deepen our interest in, and appreciation of, history; and

WHEREAS, History helps us understand our place in the world and how we might improve upon it; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the number of visitors at historic sites will stimulate beautification, preservation, conservation, tourism, and business in the Illinois communities and counties where those sites are located; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois State Historical Society, recognized by the Illinois General Assembly in 1903 as a major contributor to the awareness and appreciation of history in Illinois, has already placed its markers at more than 400 historic sites around the State; and

1           WHEREAS, The Illinois State Historical Society is the only  
2 statewide not-for-profit historical organization; and

3           WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly and the Illinois  
4 State Historical Society now seek to heighten historical  
5 awareness in Illinois residents and visitors by calling  
6 attention to these markers and historic sites throughout the  
7 State; 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 designate the week of February 28 - March 6, 2011 as  
11 Illinois State Historical Society Markers Awareness Week in the  
12 State of Illinois; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That all Illinois residents and visitors are  
14 encouraged to celebrate this week by visiting the Historical  
15 Markers Web site at [www.historyillinois.org](http://www.historyillinois.org), learning about  
16 historic sites in their locales, visiting those sites,  
17 reflecting on their importance in history, communicating with  
18 others about them, and attending ceremonies commemorating  
19 them; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That the members of the Illinois House of  
21 Representatives are encouraged to participate in the events of  
22 this week with their colleagues in the Illinois State Capitol

1 and their constituents in their home districts.