



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, President Thomas Jefferson instructed Meriwether  
3 Lewis and William Clark to lead an expedition to explore the  
4 Louisiana Territory in 1804 to gain knowledge of the territory  
5 and map a water route to the Pacific Ocean; and

6 WHEREAS, Lewis and Clark assembled their party at the  
7 confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers at a location  
8 now known as Hartford, Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Their journey into the Louisiana Territory  
10 departed from the confluence and began on May 14, 1804; and

11 WHEREAS, The anniversary of this event is a unique  
12 opportunity to exhibit Illinois' important role in our nation's  
13 history; and

14 WHEREAS, The commemoration of the journey is having a  
15 significant impact on Illinois tourism; the events  
16 commemorating the success of Lewis and Clark's journey are  
17 being held at the Hartford Interpretive Center May 14 through  
18 May 16, 2004; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 recognize and honor Lewis and Clark on the two-hundreth  
22 anniversary of their expedition; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That we commend and support the Illinois Lewis  
24 and Clark Bicentennial Commission, the Village of Hartford, and  
25 Lewis and Clark Community College for their work on the Eve of  
26 the Discovery National Signature Event on May 13, 2004; and be  
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to the Illinois Lewis and Clark Bicentennial  
2 Commission, the Village of Hartford, and Lewis and Clark  
3 Community College as a token of our respect.