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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the people of Mount
4 Pulaski as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, Mt. Pulaski was founded in 1836 by Jabez Capps,
7 George Washington Turley, and Dr. Barton Robinson; it is a town
8 of 1,800 people quietly nestled in the southeastern part of
9 Logan County; the town was named after Count Casimir Pulaski, a
10 Polish Brigadier General, who gave his life in the
11 Revolutionary War; and

12 WHEREAS, Mt. Pulaski is home to one of two remaining
13 original courthouses where Abraham Lincoln practiced law on the
14 Illinois 8th Judicial Circuit from 1849 to 1854; and

15 WHEREAS, In October of 1900, President William McKinley,
16 former President Grover Cleveland, Vice President Teddy
17 Roosevelt, and John D Rockefeller came to Mt. Pulaski for a
18 large Republican Rally during the re-election campaign of
19 President McKinley; they stayed overnight at the Mt. Pulaski
20 House Hotel and 1200-1500 people attended the rally; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1910, the famous Wright Brother's

1 Airplane-Train Race, which started in Chicago at Washington
2 Park, went through Mt. Pulaski to the Illinois State
3 Fairgrounds in Springfield; Wilbur Wright's bi-plane raced an
4 Illinois Central train, and stopped for refueling and water
5 four blocks south of the town square; and

6 WHEREAS, Mt. Pulaski earned the nickname "Vinegar Hill"
7 because, prior to the repeal of the eighteenth amendment
8 (prohibition) in 1933, Mt. Pulaski stayed "wet" longer than the
9 surrounding "dry" towns; Mt. Pulaski had 13 prosperous saloons
10 and a few bootleggers and the railroads brought customers into
11 town from every direction; people would come with empty flasks
12 and leave with full ones; upon nearing town, the conductor
13 would call out "Vinegar Hill next stop"; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1936, on the 100th year anniversary of the
15 Village, the courthouse was established as an Illinois State
16 historical site; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate the people of Mt. Pulaski on this
20 quartoseptcentennial celebration and wish their community
21 continued success for years to come; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the people of Mt. Pulaski as a symbol of our
2 respect and esteem.