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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the residents of Bond  
4 County on the 200th anniversary of the county's founding; and

5           WHEREAS, Bond County was formed on January 4, 1817 by an  
6 act of the Illinois Territorial Legislature; this event  
7 occurred nearly two years before Illinois was admitted into the  
8 union as the 21st state; and

9           WHEREAS, The initial dimensions of Bond County were unique;  
10 it was only 24 miles wide but stretched over 600 miles north to  
11 include a portion of Michigan's Upper Peninsula; and

12           WHEREAS, The county got its name from Shadrach Bond who had  
13 been an United States Army Colonel in the War of 1812 and the  
14 first Governor of Illinois; and

15           WHEREAS, Over time, Bond County was divided up to create  
16 numerous other counties in the State, and ceded some of its  
17 land to Wisconsin and Michigan; today, Bond County is one of  
18 the smaller counties in Illinois, yet its rich history, along  
19 with the spirit and pride of its people, has outlasted all of  
20 these changes; and

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Bond County began celebrating their  
2 county's bicentennial on January 5, 2017, and will hold their  
3 main celebration on July 2, 2017; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate the residents of Bond County on the 200th  
7 anniversary of the county's founding, and we wish them many  
8 more wonderful years; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Bond County Board Chairman Howard Elmore.