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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of the
4 First Division and the First Division Museum at Cantigny for
5 the important work they do to archive and present the military
6 history of the First Division; and

7 WHEREAS, One hundred years ago, as the United States
8 entered World War I, the War Department issued orders for a
9 "division" to go to France; the First Division, today's 1st
10 Infantry Division, the storied Big Red One, has been on
11 continuous active duty ever since; and

12 WHEREAS, The First Division Museum was founded in 1960; it
13 has not undergone any major renovations since it was moved from
14 its original location in the Cantigny Park Visitors Center to
15 its current building in 1992; and

16 WHEREAS, First Division Museum officials announced a \$7
17 million redesign project that will update existing exhibits -
18 which span the period from the division's beginning in 1917
19 through the Vietnam War in 1970 - and create new ones
20 highlighting its more recent history; and

21 WHEREAS, The First Division Museum attracts approximately

1 170,000 visitors annually; it shut its doors on Veterans Day in
2 November of 2016 and will reopen in the summer of 2017,
3 coinciding with the centennial of the First Division and World
4 War I; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 recognize the 100th anniversary of the First Division and the
8 First Division Museum at Cantigny for the important work they
9 do to archive and present the military history of the First
10 Division; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to First Division Museum Director Paul Herbert.