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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Kosciuszko was a Polish-Lithuanian
3 military engineer, statesman, and military leader who became a
4 national hero in Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, and the United
5 States; he built Fortress West Point, which he suggested be
6 used as the United States Military Academy, and devised the
7 winning strategy for the Battle of Saratoga, which was the
8 turning point of the American Revolution; and

9 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Kosciuszko fought to free the white
10 indentured peasants of Europe; he stood up for the rights of
11 enslaved Africans, Native Americans, Jews, women, and many
12 others; and

13 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Kosciuszko set aside his salary from the
14 American Revolution with instructions that it be used to
15 purchase and free slaves and that money be left to provide for
16 their education and for the purchase of land, cattle, and
17 farming tools for them so they could support themselves in our
18 free country; and

19 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army has 10 bases named after confederate
20 officers, such as Braxton Bragg, who were traitors and declared
21 war on the United States; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we urge the U.S. Government to rename Fort Bragg as Fort
4 Kosciuszko in honor of Thaddeus Kosciuszko; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.
7 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
8 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives
9 Minority Leader, all members of the Illinois Congressional
10 Delegation, and the Kosciuszko Foundation.