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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the City of Decatur for its
4 rich history and preservation of historic homes and buildings;
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6 WHEREAS, Historic preservation is an effective tool for
7 stimulating growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering
8 local pride, and maintaining community character while
9 enhancing livability; and

10 WHEREAS, Decatur is rich in historical elements of
11 President Abraham Lincoln, including the site of his first
12 Illinois home at the Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park &
13 Memorial; it was Decatur where Lincoln was first nominated for
14 the presidency at the State Republican Party Convention in
15 1860 and where he tried cases at the log courthouse known today
16 as the Macon County History Museum; and

17 WHEREAS, Decatur is home to such iconic structures as the
18 126 year-old Transfer House, the 1916 Avon Theatre, the 1929
19 Masonic Temple, the 1916 Lincoln Square Theatre, the 1909
20 Powers Mansion, the 1870s Governor Oglesby Mansion, the 1876
21 James Millikin Homestead, and many more; and

1 WHEREAS, Decatur was also an important early center of
2 rail commerce and operations for the Baltimore & Ohio,
3 Pennsylvania, Wabash, Illinois Central, and Illinois Terminal
4 Railroads; and

5 WHEREAS, Historic preservation is relevant for communities
6 across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of
7 all ages, all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds; and

8 WHEREAS, History of the Heartland is a 501(c)(3)
9 non-profit, which promotes historic preservation and the local
10 history of Decatur; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we declare May 15 through May 21, 2022 as Historic
14 Preservation Week for Decatur in the State of Illinois; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That we recognize the City of Decatur for its
17 rich history and preservation of historic homes and buildings,
18 which make the city unique and provide links to understanding
19 the city's pioneers and their descendants.