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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the General John Stark
4 Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the
5 American Revolution on the occasion of the 115th anniversary
6 of its charter in June 2022; and

7 WHEREAS, The General John Stark Chapter of the National
8 Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was
9 organized when 29 charter members met at the home of Lucetta P.
10 (Stark) Boynton, wife of Charles O. Boynton, in Sycamore on
11 June 22, 1907; the chapter was named for General John Stark, a
12 leader during the American Revolutionary War who commanded 75
13 percent of the American forces at Bunker Hill and also led at
14 the Battle of Bennington; and

15 WHEREAS, The first regent of the General John Stark
16 Chapter was Lucetta Boynton, appointed by the state regent of
17 the National Society of the Daughters of the American
18 Revolution; the chapter additionally elected Mrs. Clare Lattin
19 as vice regent, Miss Harriet Stephenson as corresponding
20 secretary, Miss Fannie Harroun as recording secretary, Miss
21 Grace Stevens as treasurer, Mrs. Gerry Knowlton as registrar,
22 Mrs. C.D. Rogers as historian, and Mrs. C.H. Hoyt as chaplain;
23 and

1 WHEREAS, The General John Stark Chapter donates to a
2 number of organizations and individuals each year, including
3 bestowing thousands of dollars annually to area students
4 through the Good Citizen Award, the American History Essay
5 Contest, and the Lois Callahan Scholarship; the chapter
6 donates to Bacone College and other Native American schools of
7 higher education; the organization contributes books to area
8 libraries and the DAR Library and encourages literacy
9 promotion through summer reading programs at local libraries
10 and participating in the A Book by Me program; the chapter has
11 additionally given copies of the Bill of Rights, the
12 Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence to area
13 schools; and

14 WHEREAS, The General John Stark Chapter recognizes the
15 value and contributions made by others; in DeKalb County
16 alone, the chapter marked the site with a bronze plaque where
17 Abraham Lincoln spoke in Coltonville and where the first
18 DeKalb county court was held, donated a bench with a plaque to
19 the DeKalb County History Center to commemorate the Illinois
20 Bicentennial, bestowed a plaque to memorialize the site of the
21 first white settler's cabin in the county, and planted trees
22 in Sycamore Park in memory of World War I soldiers and sailors;
23 the chapter recognized Resource Bank with the Historical
24 Preservation Award for restoring a historically significant

1 building in Leland, which now serves as its branch office, and
2 presented local members of the Potawatomi Nation with a
3 proclamation; the chapter has additionally recognized area
4 businesses for their display of patriotism, including WLBK
5 Radio for playing the National Anthem twice daily; and

6 WHEREAS, The General John Stark Chapter engages in several
7 events and programs, including participating in Constitution
8 Week with displays in area public libraries, the Wreaths
9 Across America program, the Wall That Heals project, and Honor
10 Flights by escorting veterans to Washington D.C. to view war
11 memorials; the chapter worked for the Red Cross and other
12 organizations to help in the war efforts of World Wars I and
13 II; the organization has further contributed to area food
14 pantries and homeless shelters, the LaSalle Veterans' Home,
15 Project Patriot, Veterans Day activities, and to the
16 renovation of the Memorial Clock in DeKalb; the chapter
17 continues to participate in cemetery cleanups and tending
18 veterans' graves; it also works to research and preserve
19 documents, records, relics, and the individual services of
20 American Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots; and

21 WHEREAS, The current presiding officers of the General
22 John Stark Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of
23 the American Revolution are Regent Mary Pritchard, Vice Regent
24 Deb Davey, Chaplain Judy Dettloff, Recording Secretary Cathy

1 Walker, Corresponding Secretary Angela Brotcke, Treasurer
2 Kathy Smith, Registrar Lisa Brandt, Historian Donna Willrett,
3 and Librarian Theresa Winterbauer; and

4 WHEREAS, The General John Stark Chapter's impact within
5 and outside its community is immeasurable, making it
6 appropriate to celebrate and recognize this organization's
7 growth, progress, perseverance, achievements, and
8 accomplishments; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we recognize the General John Stark Chapter of the National
12 Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on the
13 115th anniversary of its charter; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we express our sincere and heartfelt
15 appreciation to the General John Stark Chapter, and we
16 congratulate the past and present presiding officers and
17 members of the chapter; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the General John Stark Chapter as a symbol of our
20 respect and esteem.