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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Potawatomi Trail of Death was the forced
3 removal by militia in 1838 of approximately 859 members of the
4 Potawatomi nation from Indiana to reservation lands in what is
5 now eastern Kansas; and

6 WHEREAS, During the journey to Kansas, 42 people died, 28
7 of them children; and

8 WHEREAS, The Trail of Death passed through Decatur in what
9 is now Mueller Park; and

10 WHEREAS, A historical marker known as The Rock was placed
11 in Mueller Park on Lake Shore Drive in 1994 by Zita and Bernard
12 Wright to commemorate the trail; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no road sign directing people to the
14 historical marker; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to
18 erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal
19 regulations, appropriate plaques or signs directing people to
20 the location of the Trail of Death historical marker; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
4 Transportation.