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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 350th anniversary of  
4 Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette's arrival to the  
5 land of present-day Chicago on September 2, 2023; and

6           WHEREAS, Through their expedition in 1673, Louis Jolliet  
7 and Father Jacques Marquette became the first Old World  
8 Europeans to set foot upon the then uncharted Illinois  
9 Territory; and

10           WHEREAS, Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette's  
11 efforts laid the foundation for exploratory expeditions within  
12 the Illinois Territory; and

13           WHEREAS, Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette's  
14 peaceful cooperation and trade with Native Americans  
15 established Illinois' longstanding tradition of commerce and  
16 economic development while securing its position in the nation  
17 as a hub of heritage and transportation; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1973, A mock expedition was organized to  
19 recognize the 300th anniversary of the original expedition;  
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1           WHEREAS, A third mock expedition, Jolliet Marquette  
2 Expedition III, has been planned for this year; and

3           WHEREAS, Jolliet Marquette Expedition III will begin its  
4 journey in St. Ignace, Michigan on May 17, 2023; and

5           WHEREAS, Additional information on the history of the  
6 original expedition and a list of scheduled events for the  
7 third mock expedition is available on the website JM350.com;  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we recognize the 350th anniversary of Louis Jolliet and Father  
12 Jacques Marquette's arrival to the land of present-day Chicago  
13 on September 2, 2023; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the members of Jolliet Marquette Expedition III  
16 as an expression of our esteem and respect.