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H. RES. 281

To express support for an interpretive site near Wood River, Illinois, as the point of departure for the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 1997

Mr. COSTELLO (for himself, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. EWING, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. HYDE, Mr. WELLER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. POSHARD, and Mr. YATES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas President Thomas Jefferson selected Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to be co-leaders of an expedition to explore the Missouri and Columbia rivers;

Whereas Lewis and Clark staged their epic journey at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers in December of 1803;

Whereas they camped for the winter at the mouth of Wood River, on the Illinois side of the Mississippi, opposite the entrance to the Missouri River;

Whereas the two captains recruited young woodsmen and enlisted soldiers who volunteered from nearby Army outposts, selecting a roster of approximately 45 men for the expedition;

Whereas Meriwether Lewis recorded that the mouth of the Wood River was “to be considered the point of departure” for one of the most important journeys into the American West; and

Whereas the bicentennial of this monumental expedition will be observed beginning in 2003: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its support that the site near
3 Wood River, Illinois, be recognized as the starting
4 point for the Lewis and Clark Expedition;

5 (2) expresses its support for the people of Illi-
6 nois to properly recognize this site as one of monu-
7 mental historical impact; and

8 (3) calls upon the President, Secretary of the
9 Interior, Director of the National Park Service,
10 other public officials, and the people of the United
11 States to support and promote this site near Wood
12 River, Illinois, as the starting point for one of the
13 greatest journeys in American history.

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