



H.CON.RES. 325– CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION'S HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND MUSEUM PROGRAM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 15, 1958, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 325 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bart Stupak (D-MI) on April 9, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 325 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on XXXXXXXX, XX XXXX

SUMMARY

H.Res. 325 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program; and
- Respectfully requests the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Mackinac Island State Park Commission as evidence of the Commission successfully fulfilling its mission to protect, preserve, and present the historical and natural wonders of Mackinac Island.

BACKGROUND

Fort Mackinac was constructed by the British forces during the American Revolutionary War in 1780. The American Revolutionary forces took control of the Fort in 1796, only to have the British retake it during the War of 1812. After the British gave the Fort back after the War ended, the Fort remained active until 1895 when Mackinac Island began to transition from a military post and fur trade center into a major American summer resort.

On June 15, 1958, a small fort museum about the history of Mackinac Island opened to the public. This museum eventually led to the establishment of the Mackinac State Historic Park (MSHP). Today, this park includes four living history museums and parks, interactive historic interpreters and park naturalists, and four accreditations by the American Association of Museums. Since 1958, the MSHP has been visited by almost 20 million visitors.

The Mackinac Island State Park Commission has many events planned to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the museum, including a June 15, 2008, celebration held in Fort Mackinac and the Mackinac Island Lilac Festival Grand Parade.

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