



## Hope Light and City Honored by State

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The Metropolis Hope Light Project (MHLP) committee and the City of Metropolis were recently

honored by the State of Illinois House of Representatives when they passed House Resolution No. 1329 as presented by Representative Brandon Phelps.

In a letter to official Lighthouse Keeper Bill

Carrell, Phelps wrote, "It give me great pleasure to honor the Metropolis Hope Light Project Committee and the City of Metropolis. I would like to congratulate you all on your hard work, dedication and commitment to cancer awareness. Please accept this House Resolution on behalf of myself and the entire Illinois House of Representative. This resolution was voted on and adopted by the Illinois House of Representatives on June 29, 2016."

Part of the resolution reads, "Whereas, due to the combined efforts of the committee, the Hope Light Foundation and the city, a 30-foot tall working lighthouse was designed and built on the banks of the Ohio River in the vicinity of the historical Fort Massac State Park and dedicated to the fight against all cancers, whereas the Metropolis Lighthouse is used to navigate people to life-saving cancer awareness information, much like a real lighthouse navigates ships into safe harbors; and whereas the Metropolis Lighthouse stands as a symbol of hope to all those whose lives have been or will be impacted by cancer."

The lighthouse, located in Dorothy Miller Park, was erected on June 4, 2014 with the official dedication and lighting ceremony held Nov. 5, 2014.

The Metropolis Hope Light lighthouse is an official attraction with the State of Illinois.

It is also an official participating location in the United States Lighthouse Society's Passport Program with stamping available at the Metropolis Chamber of Commerce.

The Hope Light Foun-

ation is a 501c3 non-profit public charity. Personalized bricks at the Metropolis Hope Light are still available.

Three style options are available ranging from \$35 to \$100.

They can be ordered at Metropolis Chamber of Commerce, Metropolis City Hall, Metropolis Public Library or City National Bank; or through [www.hopelightproject.com](http://www.hopelightproject.com) or [facebook.com/MetropolisHopeLight](https://www.facebook.com/MetropolisHopeLight).

Donations to the MHLP are also accepted to go toward the lighthouse's maintenance costs. All donations are tax deductible to the nonprofit public charity.

They can be made at at City National Bank where the project account is established. If requested by the donor, tribute cards can be mailed to those being honored.



Metropolis Hope Light Project (MHLP) was recognized by the state's House of Representatives recently when they passed House Resolution No. 1329, marking the achievement of the combined efforts of the MHLP committee, the Hope Light Foundation and the City of Metropolis.

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