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\$100,000 granted for Stevenson landmark

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METTAWA — The former home of United Nations ambassador, two-time presidential candidate and Illinois governor Adlai Stevenson will receive a \$100,000 grant to help restore the historic landmark.

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, said Friday that funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior will be used in site restoration plans and educational exhibits.

"We need to preserve this real piece of American his-

tory," Kirk said. "Once completed, this facility will be an educational hub for activities such as a scholars-in-residence program and a model United Nations project for area high school students."

Deeded to the Lake County Forest Preserve District in the 1970s, the mansion was placed on the National Register of Historic places earlier this fall and could achieve national historic landmark status.

Stevenson, known as "The Man from Libertyville" who was the Democratic presidential nominee in 1952 and 1956, served as U.N. ambassador in the Kennedy

and Johnson administrations from 1961 to 1965. He was elected Illinois governor in 1948. His son, Adlai Stevenson III, is a former U.S. senator.

He lived in the home off St. Mary's Road, south of Route 60, from 1939 until his death in 1965. He entertained a number of notable guests, including then-Sen. John F. Kennedy and former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Site work includes restoration of historic landscaping, parking and general infrastructure renovation of the home and stables. One element of the site is a land-

scaped walk where visitors can walk in Stevenson's footsteps.

"I am pleased the Department of Interior saw fit to help preserve the Stevenson home, and I will continue to advocate on behalf of the Stevenson home to secure funding so the restoration of this historic site can be completed," Kirk said.

The congressman noted that Secretary of State Colin Powell's speech before the U.N. in February on the Iraq situation was patterned after Stevenson's speech during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.