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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, U.S. Route 20 is the longest road in the United  
3 States, stretching over 3,300 miles; the route's easternmost  
4 point is in Boston, Massachusetts and its westernmost point is  
5 in Newport, Oregon; and

6           WHEREAS, A national effort to dedicate U.S. 20 in its  
7 entirety as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" has been undertaken  
8 by several veterans groups in numerous states along the route;  
9 the groups have experienced success in the designation of this  
10 route in other states; and

11           WHEREAS, U.S. 20 connects metropolitan areas in the State  
12 of Illinois and serves as a major arterial highway for those  
13 traveling east to west, or west to east, along the northern  
14 portion of the State; this highway connects the far northwest  
15 portion of Illinois, just east of Dubuque, Iowa, to the South  
16 Side of Chicago, just west of Gary, Indiana; and

17           WHEREAS, In honor of the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many  
18 of our troops throughout history, it is fitting to dedicate the  
19 longest route in America as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" as a  
20 humble gesture of thanks for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily  
21 basis; and

1           WHEREAS, In accordance with the words spoken over the  
2 fallen at Gettysburg by a former representative from Illinois,  
3 let us "never forget" our fallen heroes; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 designate the segment of U.S. 20 that crosses the State of  
7 Illinois as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" and encourage the  
8 other 11 states along the route to adopt similar measures to  
9 show support for veterans groups and the men and women serving  
10 our country today; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
12 is requested to erect, consistent with State and federal  
13 regulations, signs displaying the ceremonial designation of  
14 U.S. 20 as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes"; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 delivered to the Secretary of Transportation and to the  
17 Illinois chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American  
18 Legion, the American Veterans, the United Service  
19 Organizations, the Disabled American Veterans, the Korean War  
20 Veterans Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and  
21 the Vietnam Veterans of America as a symbol of our esteem and  
22 respect.