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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56
2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, Honoring our nation's and State's Vietnam
4 veterans is an appropriate measure, given their selfless acts
5 of courage in the face of adversity and uncertainty and their
6 willingness to serve their country when called upon; their
7 bravery and sacrifice should not be forgotten; and

8 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War lasted from 1964 to 1975, making
9 it the United States' second-longest war; the war required the
10 9.2 million Americans who served in the military throughout the
11 war's duration to perform at sustained tempos of intensity and
12 professionalism in all facets of military operations; and

13 WHEREAS, Nearly 2.7 million Americans served in Vietnam
14 throughout the war, facing countless challenges in an
15 unfamiliar environment where struggle was the norm; servicemen
16 and women were called upon to serve thousands of miles away
17 from home; and

18 WHEREAS, 58,286 American military personnel paid the
19 ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country and
20 their fellow soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen; and

21 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General

1 Assembly pays honor and respect to those truly exceptional
2 individuals who served our nation in Vietnam and, in doing so,
3 have gone above and beyond the call of duty by making
4 sacrifices so that their fellow Americans and Illinoisans could
5 live the lives promised by the United States Constitution;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Interstate
10 80 between Interstate 57 and Interstate 355 as the Vietnam
11 Veterans Memorial Parkway; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
13 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
14 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
15 giving notice of the name of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Parkway;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
19 Transportation.