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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 congratulate Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1337 of Mount  
4 Prospect on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, For 100 years, VFW Post 1337 has been advocating  
6 for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in personal and  
7 political matters, providing camaraderie for returning  
8 military personnel and their families while serving as a  
9 community organization through its volunteer work; and

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WHEREAS, The VFW Post 1337 clubhouse, built by locally  
11 skilled tradesmen and craftsmen who were veterans of World  
12 Wars I and II in the post-war years of 1949 and 1950, was  
13 created as a location for veterans to share their  
14 service-related connections and memories, to commemorate the  
15 past, and to have a place of belonging; and

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WHEREAS, VFW Post 1337 has been presented with the status  
17 of All-American Post, a prestigious recognition given by the  
18 national VFW organization for member participation in VFW  
19 programs and for growth in membership numbers, for six years  
20 in a row; and

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WHEREAS, In 1899, the VFW of the United States was founded

1 by veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine  
2 Insurrection as a loose association of many smaller local  
3 veterans' organizations in order to secure rights and benefits  
4 for their service, as many of these veterans arrived home sick  
5 or wounded without long-term medical care options or a  
6 veterans' pension to sustain themselves; and

7 WHEREAS, National and local VFW chapters have been  
8 instrumental in advocating for veterans and service members'  
9 rights on the county, state, and national levels, such as the  
10 creation of the G.I. Bills in the 20th and 21st centuries,  
11 expanding educational benefits for service members, increasing  
12 healthcare accessibility for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent  
13 Orange and Gulf War veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome,  
14 and championing for the inclusion and recognition of female  
15 veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, National and local VFW posts have been  
17 responsible for securing the funding towards the creation of  
18 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Veterans  
19 Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Military Women's  
20 Memorial to recognize the warriors of the past, preserving  
21 their stories and sacrifices for the benefit of future  
22 generations; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate  
2 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1337 of Mount Prospect on  
3 its 100th anniversary; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Post Commander Les Durov of VFW Post 1337 as an  
6 expression of our esteem and respect.