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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate DeKalb American Legion Post 66 for 100 years of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1919, the American Legion National Organization granted the County of DeKalb a temporary post designation of Post 66; and

WHEREAS, By 1921, the City of DeKalb organized their own post, which was granted the post designation of 66 while other community legion posts in DeKalb County received new post numbers; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion programs and activities have strengthened the nation one community at a time through American Legion Baseball, American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps, and American Legion Bands, which were some of the nation's most successful amateur programs working to educate people on the importance of sportsmanship, citizenship, and fitness; and

WHEREAS, Several programs have connected local legionnaires, also known as legion members, with college veterans, returning veterans, recovering wounded warriors, and their families by providing support activities; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Legion has raised millions of
2 dollars in donations at the local, state, and national levels
3 to assist veterans and their families and has provided college
4 scholarship opportunities; within DeKalb County, Post 66 has
5 contributed to educational programs and scholarships; and

6 WHEREAS, DeKalb American Legion Post 66 has also been an
7 unyielding supporter of military service throughout DeKalb
8 County, which has led local civic leaders to name the City of
9 DeKalb as one of the most veteran-friendly cities in northern
10 Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, DeKalb American Legion Post 66 provides an honor
12 guard for civic events and military funerals, created the
13 DeKalb Hometown Hero banner program for both current and
14 former American heroes serving in the military, and
15 established a general sense of community within DeKalb County;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The American Legion's success depends entirely on
18 active membership, participation, and volunteerism, as the
19 organization belongs to the people it serves and the
20 communities in which it thrives; and

21 WHEREAS, The Legionnaires' sense of obligation to

1 community, state, and nation drives honest advocacy for all
2 veterans; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate DeKalb American Legion Post 66 on its 100th
6 anniversary, and we commend Post 66 for its years of service to
7 the community; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to DeKalb American Legion Post 66 as an expression
10 of our esteem and respect.