

SB4223



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

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Introduced 11/14/2022, by Sen. Jil Tracy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 460/110 new

Amends the State Designations Act. Designates the City of Quincy as a Veterans' City. Sets forth findings of the General Assembly. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

5 (1) The United States Army became the first established
6 branch of the United States military on June 14, 1775, and
7 millions of men and women have served their country since
8 then.

9 (2) To honor and compensate veterans of the War of 1812,
10 the United States government provided soldiers with land
11 grants for the land between the Illinois and Mississippi
12 rivers, which drove the initial settlement of the "Bounty
13 Land" of Illinois, bringing veterans to Quincy even before the
14 city was formally organized.

15 (3) Even in its earliest days, Quincy's veterans assisted
16 the State in quelling the Black Hawk Indian unrest and brought
17 peace to the Mormon settlement in Nauvoo.

18 (4) Thousands of Quincyans fought in the Civil War to
19 preserve the Union and to end slavery and in every military
20 conflict since then.

21 (5) Quincy's sons and daughters have served their State
22 and nation in all branches of the military with honor and
23 distinction.

24 (6) Upon returning home from their assigned duties, these

1 same sons and daughters devoted themselves to building
2 institutions of government, church, and school to preserve its
3 rich heritage.

4 (7) The City of Quincy has had a profound connection to the
5 men and women who served this country since 1886 with the
6 construction of the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home, and
7 the City's connection to military veterans continues to grow
8 through programs such as the Great River Honor Flight, Fishing
9 for Freedom, and the Tri-State Warrior Outreach.

10 (8) Military veterans have been an important part of
11 Quincy from its founding to today, and the tenets of freedom
12 that are enshrined in the United States Constitution remain
13 rights held dearly and cultivated by its residents today.

14 (9) This veteran heritage has likewise ensured that
15 Quincy's many natural surroundings, such as the forests,
16 rivers, fertile lowlands, and bluffs, continue to provide in
17 abundance the outdoor experiences that originally drew
18 Quincy's forefathers to the land.

19 (10) Military veterans are held in the highest regard for
20 their service and their sacrifice in Quincy.

21 Section 5. The State Designations Act is amended by adding
22 Section 110 as follows:

23 (5 ILCS 460/110 new)

24 Sec. 110. Veterans' City. The City of Quincy is designated

1 as a Veterans' City.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.