



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lawrence Riddle American Legion Post #88 has
3 constructed its new building at 1903 Maple Avenue in Mattoon;
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5 WHEREAS, Lawrence Riddle American Legion Post #88 was
6 established in 1919; the name Lawrence Riddle was adopted
7 because First Sgt. Lawrence Riddle was the first veteran from
8 Mattoon to give his life in the service of his country in World
9 War I; he received the Distinguished Service Cross; memorabilia
10 of First Sgt. Riddle and other area veterans is displayed near
11 the entrance of the new building; and

12 WHEREAS, Post #88 has approximately 1,800 members
13 including its legionnaires, auxiliary, Sons of the American
14 Legion and 40/8 members; and

15 WHEREAS, Construction of the nearly 11,000 square foot
16 steel and brick building began in December of 2003; Post #88
17 moved into the building in June of 2004; it features a large
18 social area, a kitchen with all new appliances, a private party
19 room, offices and storage areas, an arms room and a conference
20 room; the meeting hall can hold about 280 people and an
21 overflow area can hold about 50 more people; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
24 congratulate Commander Lee Oakley and the other members of
25 Lawrence Riddle American Legion Post #88 of Mattoon on the
26 completion of their new building and we extend our best wishes
27 to them as they continue to represent the interests and
28 concerns of area veterans who fought for our nation; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Lawrence Riddle American Legion Post #88 as an
2 expression of our esteem.