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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 1885, the 34th Illinois General Assembly passed legislation to establish a soldiers' and sailors' home for disabled Illinois veterans of the Mexican and Civil Wars; and

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WHEREAS, On June 1, 1886, Governor Richard Oglesby decided on Quincy as the site of the new home; the home is the largest and oldest veterans home of the four located in Illinois, and one of the larger and older veterans homes in the country; and

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WHEREAS, Originally named "Soldiers and Sailors Home" until 1974, it is currently home to nearly 600 veterans and their spouses; over 70 of the 102 counties in Illinois are represented within the current membership; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy is responsible for providing economical and quality long-term care for veterans and their spouses, which includes domiciliary care, intermediate care, and skilled care; and

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WHEREAS, Sunset Cemetery is located on the grounds of the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy; and

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WHEREAS, Over 7,000 veterans and spouses are laid to rest at Sunset Cemetery, dating back to the Civil War, including a

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1 large number of Medal of Honor recipients; and

2 WHEREAS, A section of Interstate 172 extends around Quincy
3 from Illinois Route 96 to U.S. Route 24; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the section of Interstate 172
7 between Illinois Route 96 and U.S. Route 24 be designated "The
8 Veterans Medal of Honor Highway"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is
10 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State
11 regulations, appropriate signs giving notice of the name; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
15 Transportation, and to the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy.