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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 155

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_. Amend House Resolution 155 by replacing

3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, U.S. Route 20 is the longest road in the United 5 States, stretching over 3,300 miles; the route's easternmost

point is in Boston, Massachusetts and its westernmost point is

7 in Newport, Oregon; and

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8 WHEREAS, A national effort to dedicate U.S. 20 in its 9 entirety as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" has been undertaken

10 by several veterans groups in numerous states along the route;

11 the groups have experienced success in the designation of this

12 route in other states; and

WHEREAS, U.S. 20 connects metropolitan areas in the State

of Illinois and serves as a major arterial highway for those

traveling east to west, or west to east, along the northern

- 1 portion of the State; this highway connects the far northwest
- 2 portion of Illinois, just east of Dubuque, Iowa, to the South
- 3 Side of Chicago, just west of Gary, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, U.S. 20 is currently designated as the General
- 5 U.S. Grant Memorial Highway; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In honor of the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many
- of our troops throughout history, it is fitting to dedicate the
- 8 longest route in America as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" as a
- 9 humble gesture of thanks for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily
- 10 basis; and
- 11 WHEREAS, In accordance with the words spoken over the
- 12 fallen at Gettysburg by a former representative from Illinois,
- 13 let us "never forget" our fallen heroes; therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 16 we designate the segment of U.S. 20 that crosses the State of
- 17 Illinois as the "General U.S. Grant Memorial Highway of Fallen
- 18 Heroes" and encourage the other 11 states along the route to
- adopt similar measures to show support for veterans groups and
- 20 the men and women serving our country today; and be it further
- 21 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation

- 1 is requested to erect, consistent with State and federal
- 2 regulations, signs displaying the ceremonial designation of
- 3 U.S. 20 as the "General U.S. Grant Memorial Highway of Fallen
- 4 Heroes"; and be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 6 delivered to the Secretary of Transportation and to the
- 7 Illinois chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American
- 8 Legion, the American Veterans, the United Service
- 9 Organizations, the Disabled American Veterans, the Korean War
- 10 Veterans Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and
- 11 the Vietnam Veterans of America as a symbol of our esteem and
- 12 respect.".