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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Since September 11, 2001, 2,700,000 people have 3 served in the military, and their unemployment rate has 4 constantly been higher than non-veterans; and

5 WHEREAS, Young veterans and women veterans often suffer 6 even higher rates of unemployment; and

7 WHEREAS, Over 1,000,000 more Iraq and Afghanistan-era
8 veterans are expected to return to civilian life in the next 5
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Employment Security provides 11 Illinois Job Link, a no-cost, self-service job matching system 12 for job seekers and employers; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans' Affairs offers other 14 assistance to veterans through the VETS program, which includes 15 assistance from local veteran employment representatives, 16 workshops on job hunting, resume writing, and interviewing 17 techniques, and federal contractors' job listings; and

18 WHEREAS, Illinois agencies and departments should continue 19 to do everything in their power to help those who served our 20 nation find employment; and WHEREAS, The Internet provides a tool for veterans to
 locate services and information on available jobs; and

3 WHEREAS, An easily searchable web site that matches 4 individualized job listings with individualized skill sets 5 possessed by available veterans would help assist veterans in 6 finding full-time employment; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, ΒY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 9 we urge the Department of Employment Security and the 10 Department of Veterans' Affairs to create a veterans' jobs Internet web site, easily accessible to veterans, offering job 11 12 openings that match their skills to prospective employers; and 13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be 15 presented to the Director of Veterans' Affairs and the Director 16 of Employment Security.