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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The United States of America sent its sons and daughters to the Republic of Vietnam in Southeast Asia over 50 years ago; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has furnished assistance to 6 veterans who have served in the Vietnam War, as well as other 7 veterans who served in the Armed Forces but were not sent to 8 the front lines; and

- 9 WHEREAS, One of the most painful chapters in our nation's
 10 history is the Vietnam War, most particularly in how we treated
 11 our troops, who were often blamed for a war that they did not
 12 start; and
- 13 WHEREAS, In times of relative harmony, we tend to take for 14 granted the endowments earned and given by our Vietnam 15 veterans; and
- 16 WHEREAS, We aspire to enthusiastically take part in such
 17 examples of patriotism such as flying the flag, public-spirited
 18 get-togethers, and shaking the hands of Vietnam veterans and
 19 saying "Welcome Home"; therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

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NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we welcome our Vietnam veterans home at the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno on July 9, 2016 and thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war, listed as missing in action, and the families of these veterans, for

their service and sacrifice on behalf of the State of Illinois.