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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, U.S. Route 20 is the longest road in the United States, stretching over 3,300 miles; the route's easternmost point is in Boston, Massachusetts and its westernmost point is in Newport, Oregon; and

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WHEREAS, A national effort to dedicate U.S. 20 in its entirety as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" has been undertaken by several veterans groups in numerous states along the route; the groups have experienced success in the designation of this route in other states; and

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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 portion of the State; this highway connects the far northwest portion of Illinois, just east of Dubuque, Iowa, to the South Side of Chicago, just west of Gary, Indiana; and

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WHEREAS, In honor of the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many of our troops throughout history, it is fitting to dedicate the longest route in America as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" as a humble gesture of thanks for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis; and

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1 WHEREAS, In accordance with the words spoken over the
2 fallen at Gettysburg by a former representative from Illinois,
3 let us "never forget" our fallen heroes; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we designate the segment of U.S. 20 that crosses the State of
7 Illinois as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" and encourage the
8 other 11 states along the route to adopt similar measures to
9 show support for veterans groups and the men and women serving
10 our country today; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
12 is requested to erect, consistent with State and federal
13 regulations, signs displaying the ceremonial designation of
14 U.S. 20 as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes"; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to the Secretary of Transportation and to the
17 Illinois chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American
18 Legion, the American Veterans, the United Service
19 Organizations, the Disabled American Veterans, the Korean War
20 Veterans Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and
21 the Vietnam Veterans of America as a symbol of our esteem and
22 respect.