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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Many veterans in Illinois and across this nation
3 rely on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and VA
4 facilities for their prescription medication needs; and

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WHEREAS, Veterans often receive their VA prescription
6 medications by mail but may not be able to receive a refill at
7 their local pharmacy or VA facility; and

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WHEREAS, In emergency situations, having veterans wait for
9 a prescription to arrive by mail can be unreasonable and pose
10 health risks; and

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WHEREAS, VA health care systems, including the VA NY Harbor
12 Healthcare System and VA New Jersey Health Care System, have
13 established emergency prescription refill programs whereby
14 veterans that are out or almost out of medications may fill
15 their VA prescription at certain national pharmacy chains; and

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WHEREAS, There is a need for a change in federal policy to
17 ensure veterans have greater access to their VA prescribed
18 medications in emergency situations; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 urge Congress to pass legislation in support of the
2 establishment of VA emergency prescription refill programs
3 nationwide to ensure that, in emergency situations, veterans
4 may receive medication directly from their local pharmacy and
5 VA facility including, but not limited to, VA medical centers,
6 VA outpatient clinics, and VA community-based outpatient
7 clinics; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional
10 delegation.