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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lake County is now among an elite group of communities throughout the nation that has officially ended veteran homelessness, based on certifications from both the federal government and Built for Zero, a national nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, This important accomplishment has been achieved thanks to the efforts of the Lake County Coalition for the Homeless, the Lake County government, and the Lovell Federal Healthcare Center; since 2015, they have worked in partnership to quickly house veterans, improve coordination across service providers, and provide innovative solutions to barriers that were keeping veterans homeless; and

WHEREAS, Ending veteran homelessness in Lake County does not mean that veterans are no longer facing challenges that may cause them to become temporarily homeless; it means that Lake County has established a coordinated system of care that connects homeless veterans to housing and services, effectively ending their homeless status soon after they have been identified; and

WHEREAS, Lake County will continue to build on this significant achievement to prevent and immediately address

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- veteran homelessness in Lake County; and
- 2 WHEREAS, The success of the partnership and initiatives to
- 3 end veteran homelessness in Lake County should serve as a model
- 4 for communities in Illinois and throughout the nation;
- 5 therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 8 we commend Lake County's ongoing efforts to prevent and quickly
- 9 address veteran homelessness; and be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 11 presented to the Lake County Coalition for the Homeless, the
- 12 Lovell Federal Healthcare Center, and the Lake County
- government as a symbol of our respect and esteem.