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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The American Legion pioneered the Buddy Check  
3 concept under past National Commander Brett Reistad; and

4 WHEREAS, The intent was for all American Legion posts to  
5 conduct Buddy Checks twice a year, around American Legion's  
6 birthday and Veterans Day; and

7 WHEREAS, The initiative demonstrated immediate success;  
8 soon, the Buddy Check program transitioned to year round,  
9 allowing American Legion posts to conduct these checks  
10 whenever it made the most sense on the local level; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, American Legion  
12 posts have used Buddy Checks to help obtain prescription  
13 refills for veterans confined to their homes and to connect  
14 with isolated veterans who might be missing their comrades;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In other cases, American Legion posts have  
17 delivered food, personal protective equipment, and other  
18 resources to veterans after learning about their needs during  
19 these wellness checks; and

20 WHEREAS, With a week dedicated to Buddy Checks across

1 America, we will be able to reach even more veterans and save  
2 even more lives nationwide; and

3 WHEREAS, The U.S. Senate has approved legislation that  
4 would make the Buddy Check program for veterans a national  
5 program; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the U.S. House of  
9 Representatives to approve legislation to make the Veterans  
10 Buddy Check program a federal program; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the Illinois congressional delegation.