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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Stanford family and  
4 the Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery on the occasion of  
5 its 75th anniversary, marked in April 2022; and

6           WHEREAS, The Stanford family and the staff and volunteers  
7 of Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery work extraordinarily  
8 hard to patriotically provide the veterans buried there an  
9 honorable place to rest in peace; and

10           WHEREAS, Each year, The Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens  
11 Cemetery, located at 6449 East Illinois Highway 15, has  
12 celebrated and honored the veterans buried there by placing  
13 small flags on each veteran's grave on Veterans Day and by  
14 erecting flags and crosses with the names of the deceased  
15 veterans on Memorial Day; and

16           WHEREAS, The Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery will  
17 also be participating in its fourth annual National Wreaths  
18 Across America Day, a nationwide movement that aims to cover  
19 all veterans' grave markers with a wreath; and

20           WHEREAS, The National Wreaths Across America Day has been  
21 observed annually on the second Saturday in December for the

1 last 28 years; and

2 WHEREAS, The Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery's goal  
3 for 2022 is to cover every veteran's gravestone with a  
4 memorial wreath; in the last two years, wreaths were placed on  
5 every veteran's grave; in the first year, 350 wreaths were  
6 placed; and

7 WHEREAS, To reach its goal, the Mount Vernon Memorial  
8 Gardens Cemetery is taking donations from individuals and  
9 charity groups to honor its yearly commitment to National  
10 Wreaths Across America; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we congratulate the Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery on  
14 its 75th anniversary, and we commend it for its efforts in  
15 joining National Wreaths Across America Day and for providing  
16 the veterans buried on its hallowed grounds an honored final  
17 resting place; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we thank Eugene and Cathy Stanford, their  
19 daughter, U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Samantha  
20 Stanford, and all the staff and volunteers who work to  
21 maintain the Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery; and be it  
22 further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to the Stanford Family and the Mount Vernon Memorial  
3 Gardens Cemetery as an expression of our esteem and respect.