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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are pleased to join Danville in celebrating the commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the Danville branch of the VA Illiana Health Care System, the Danville VA Medical Center; and

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WHEREAS, The Danville Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers was founded in 1898 and was the eighth of ten "homes" established by the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers nationwide between 1866 and 1929; and

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WHEREAS, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Joseph Cannon of Danville played an important role in the creation of the Danville branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers; and

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WHEREAS, The facility was developed to provide long-term health care and maintenance for the thousands of disabled or elderly veterans who had served in the Union forces during the American Civil War, and it presaged the modern system of veterans' medical centers; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois had a significant need for a home, sending more than a quarter of a million enlisted men to serve

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1 in the Civil War, with more than 34,000 laying down their lives
2 for the Union cause; and

3 WHEREAS, The VA Illiana Health Care System is dedicated to
4 providing veterans with health care services at six locations,
5 serving a 34-county area of central Illinois and west-central
6 Indiana; and

7 WHEREAS, In response to the need for affordable housing
8 for veterans and their families, the VA Illiana Health Care
9 System collaborated with the opening of Cannon Place in 2017
10 and expanded Veterans Villages in 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, The VA Illiana Health Care System is one of the
12 leading health care systems, serving veterans in the VA Great
13 Lakes Network; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2022, the VA Illiana Health Care System
15 provided 337,981 in-person visits, provided 32,854 bed days of
16 care, and provided 6,573 telehealth visits, showcasing their
17 dedication to helping those who served with the care they
18 deserve; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commemorate the
21 125th anniversary of the Danville branch of the VA Illiana

1 Health Care System, the Danville VA Medical Center, and
2 commend them for their dedication to our State's veterans; and
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Danville VA Medical Center as a symbol of our
6 respect and esteem.