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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the 70th anniversary of Alton V.F.W. Post 1308; and

WHEREAS, Alton V.F.W. Post 1308 was founded on November 1, 1936; the first meetings were held in the old Turner Hall on Ridge Street in Alton; a few meetings were held in the Old Mineral Springs Hotel; the group eventually settled into its present location on Alby Street in 1970; the building was dedicated by State Sr. Vice Commander Vernon Soukup; and

WHEREAS, The Post purchased a 107-acre farm on Voohrees Lane; a tank that had been given to the Post by the U.S. government was moved to the farm; the Dough-Boy is now on the front lawn of the Post, where the Veterans Day memorial service is held each year; the farm is used by many local organizations for picnics and get-togethers; and

WHEREAS, During the great flood of 1993, the post donated a boat, motor, and trailer to the Salvation Army; over the years, the Post has loaned hundreds of wheel chairs and other hospital equipment to members and auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Alton V.F.W. Post 1308 is the largest post in the State of Illinois and the thirteenth largest V.F.W. post in the country; the Post Color Guard has led the Memorial Day parade since World War II and the local Halloween parade for many years; and

WHEREAS, The Post Ritual Team provides military funeral services at no charge to any honorably discharged veteran when requested; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we recognize the 70th anniversary of Alton V.F.W. Post 1308;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Post as an expression of our esteem.