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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor the Sons of the American
4 Legion Detachment of Illinois on their contributions and
5 commitment to others; and

6 WHEREAS, The Detachment of Illinois is the fourth largest
7 Detachment in the Central Region which includes Iowa, Ohio,
8 Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, and Indiana;
9 currently the Detachment ranks second in membership renewal;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Detachment routinely contributes thousands of
12 dollars to the Veterans and Children's programs within the
13 American Legion; in 2008, with significant help from the Sons
14 of the American Legion, the Legion Family has donated in excess
15 of \$20,000 to The Haven, a day lodge designed and operated for
16 the purpose of providing a place for relaxation and
17 recuperation for the hospitalized veterans located in the
18 Marion VA Medical Center; and

19 WHEREAS, The total number of hours dedicated to community
20 service and especially the scouting programs are astounding;
21 membership is climbing throughout the State; there are 1,700
22 new members this year and the Detachment is striving to meet

1 the National Goal of 14,547, based on last year's membership
2 totals; and

3 WHEREAS, Nationally, the Sons of the American Legion donate
4 almost three times more to Children's Programs than the rest of
5 the Legion Family combined; the Detachment was integral in
6 establishing the Toby Tire School Bus Safety Program within the
7 State of Illinois, a model which is being closely viewed by
8 other states within the region; and

9 WHEREAS, The Detachment Commander routinely travels more
10 than 30,000 miles during his tenure; his travels include
11 National Headquarters for training, and visiting the more than
12 240 Squadrons located throughout Illinois; he routinely spends
13 in excess of \$14,000 out of his own pocket to accomplish his
14 tasks; and

15 WHEREAS, The rolls of Sons membership includes all walks of
16 life from the newborns of veterans to the President of the
17 United States; all members are equal and have equal voice in
18 the organization, with the only difference being at which level
19 you are serving and what responsibilities the positions entail;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 honor the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Illinois
2 and commend them for their work on behalf of the people of the
3 State of Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of
6 Illinois as a symbol of our respect and esteem.