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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, An estimated 26,000 veterans will die in Illinois in 2007, most of whom served during World War II and the Korean Conflict and a growing number of whom served during the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, These men and women served us so well in defending and protecting our country; and

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WHEREAS, Our veterans have made untold sacrifices so that residents of Illinois and the nation may enjoy precious freedoms; and

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WHEREAS, The vast majority of veterans will die in the community rather than in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers; and

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WHEREAS, Many of our veterans have limited resources and fragile support systems in the community, including elderly and frail spouses, distant family members, and limited options for supportive and comprehensive care at the end of life; and

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WHEREAS, Combat veterans have unique needs related to the war theater in which they served, the duties they performed, and the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual injuries they sustained; and

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1           WHEREAS, These unique needs often go unrecognized and  
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3           anguish and pain; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
5           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that on this Memorial Day,  
6           May 28, 2007, we rededicate efforts to ensure that all veterans  
7           and their families living in the State of Illinois have access  
8           to excellent palliative and hospice care that meets their  
9           special needs, honors them, and thanks them for their service  
10          to our country.