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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, U.S. Route 62 is the only east-west U.S. route  
3 that connects Mexico and Canada; U.S. 62 runs from El Paso,  
4 Texas to Niagara Falls, New York within America's borders; and

5           WHEREAS, A national effort to dedicate U.S. 62 in its  
6 entirety as the "National Veterans Highway" has been undertaken  
7 by several veterans groups in numerous states along the route;  
8 the groups have experienced success in the designation of this  
9 route in other states; and

10           WHEREAS, U.S. 62 runs through the southern tip of Illinois,  
11 connecting Missouri to our west with Kentucky to our east;  
12 although Illinois has the shortest segment of U.S. 62 among the  
13 10 states it touches, it is proper to dedicate this piece of  
14 the road to gain unanimity on the route; and

15           WHEREAS, In honor of the thousands of veterans who so nobly  
16 serve the United States, it is fitting to dedicate this  
17 significant route through the United States as the "National  
18 Veterans Highway" as a humble gesture of appreciation for their  
19 service; and

20           WHEREAS, Our servicemen and women continue to risk and  
21 sacrifice a great deal, both at home and abroad; this small act

1 would show some part of Illinois' respect and appreciation for  
2 our veterans; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 designate the segment of U.S. 62 that touches the southern tip  
6 of our state as the "National Veterans Highway" and encourage  
7 the 9 other states along the route to adopt similar measures to  
8 show support for veterans groups and the men and women serving  
9 our country today; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
11 is requested to erect, consistent with State and federal  
12 regulations, signs displaying the ceremonial designation of  
13 U.S. 62 as the "National Veterans Highway"; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
15 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
16 Transportation and the Illinois chapters of the Veterans of  
17 Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the American Veterans, the  
18 United Service Organizations, the Disabled American Veterans,  
19 the Korean War Veterans Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of  
20 America, and the Vietnam Veterans of America as a symbol of our  
21 esteem and respect.