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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-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we designate the segment of U.S. 62 that touches the southern
6 tip of our state as the "National Veterans Highway" and
7 encourage the 9 other states along the route to adopt similar
8 measures to show support for veterans groups and the men and
9 women serving 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.