



1 portion of the State; this highway connects the far northwest  
2 portion of Illinois, just east of Dubuque, Iowa, to the South  
3 Side of Chicago, just west of Gary, Indiana; and

4 WHEREAS, U.S. 20 is currently designated as the General  
5 U.S. Grant Memorial Highway; and

6 WHEREAS, In honor of the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many  
7 of our troops throughout history, it is fitting to dedicate the  
8 longest route in America as the "Highway of Fallen Heroes" as a  
9 humble gesture of thanks for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily  
10 basis; and

11 WHEREAS, In accordance with the words spoken over the  
12 fallen at Gettysburg by a former representative from Illinois,  
13 let us "never forget" our fallen heroes; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we designate the segment of U.S. 20 that crosses the State of  
17 Illinois as the "General U.S. Grant Memorial Highway of Fallen  
18 Heroes" and encourage the other 11 states along the route to  
19 adopt similar measures to show support for veterans groups and  
20 the men and women serving our country today; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation

1 is requested to erect, consistent with State and federal  
2 regulations, signs displaying the ceremonial designation of  
3 U.S. 20 as the "General U.S. Grant Memorial Highway of Fallen  
4 Heroes"; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6 delivered to the Secretary of Transportation and to the  
7 Illinois chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American  
8 Legion, the American Veterans, the United Service  
9 Organizations, the Disabled American Veterans, the Korean War  
10 Veterans Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and  
11 the Vietnam Veterans of America as a symbol of our esteem and  
12 respect."