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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The 79th Infantry Illinois Volunteers was organized in Mattoon in August of 1862 by Colonel Lyman Guinnip; the regiment was mustered into United States service on August 28, 1862; and

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WHEREAS, The 79th Infantry was subsequently ordered to Louisville, Kentucky; on September 13, 1862, the regiment was assigned to the Third Brigade of Brigadier General Craft's Division of the Army of Kentucky; on September 29, 1862, the regiment was transferred to Colonel Buckley's 4th Brigade of General Sill's 2nd Division; and

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WHEREAS, On October 1, 1862, the 79th Infantry commenced its march through Kentucky; at Frankfort, the regiment was transferred to General Kirk's 5th Brigade; on October 9, 1862, the regiment arrived at Perryville, Kentucky and continued its march to Crab Orchard; the regiment then moved through Lebanon, Bowling Green, and Nashville, Tennessee, arriving on November 7, 1862; and

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WHEREAS, On December 26, 1862, the 79th Infantry moved toward Murfreesboro; on December 31, 1862, the regiment entered the Battle of Stone River; early in the action, Colonel Read was killed and command was assumed by Major Buckner; and

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1           WHEREAS, The 79th Infantry lost four officers and 81  
2           enlisted men in action or from their wounds and one officer and  
3           211 enlisted men from disease; the regiment had a total of 297  
4           fatalities; and

5           WHEREAS, On June 12, 1865, the 79th Infantry was mustered  
6           out of service; the regiment arrived at Camp Butler on June 15,  
7           1865; on June 23, 1865, the members of the regiment received  
8           their final pay and discharge; and

9           WHEREAS, 2011 will mark the 150th anniversary of the  
10          beginning of the American Civil War; in total, the State of  
11          Illinois provided 259,000 soldiers to preserve the Union;  
12          therefore, be it

13          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14          NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15          we honor the devotion, service, and dedication of those who  
16          served in the 79th Volunteer Infantry during the American Civil  
17          War; and be it further

18          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19          presented to Mike Wilson, unofficial historian of the 79th  
20          Volunteer Infantry.