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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to recognize the Gold Star Dads of 4 America, the fathers of the brave men and women who made the 5 ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Dads of America organization was created to bring together fathers in a single community to honor and remember their children and to support one another in their loss; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Dads of America manage Operation Noble Warrior, an ongoing support mechanism to assist United States military veterans and their families; the project serves to benefit veterans who have suffered debilitating catastrophic injuries, including severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, while serving in the U.S. armed forces; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Dads of America also conduct survivor outreach service projects that directly aid our Gold Star Families; the purpose of this outreach is to help the military deliver on its commitment to the families of the fallen; and

WHEREAS, These outreach and veteran assistance projects

- 1 provide public awareness and create a positive outlet for the
- 2 military and civilian communities to unite in a single effort;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, It is imperative that we as a nation never forget
- 5 the ultimate sacrifice made by members of our armed forces and
- 6 the devastating impact their deaths have had on family,
- 7 friends, and especially fathers; therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 10 we honor the Gold Star Dads of America and pledge our continued
- 11 support for their efforts to aid members and families from
- 12 every branch of service who have suffered catastrophic injuries
- while serving our nation; and be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 15 presented to the Illinois chapter of the Gold Star Dads of
- 16 America as a symbol of our deepest esteem and respect.