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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the Heyde-Pillow Veterans of
4 Foreign Wars Post 1301 on hosting a celebration honoring the
5 sacrifices of Vietnam veterans; and

6 WHEREAS, For Vietnam War veterans throughout Southern
7 Illinois, the week of August 13 to 18 will be their time; the
8 week-long celebration has been named "Our Time is Now"; and

9 WHEREAS, Events will include a reading of names of the more
10 than 58,000 Americans who died in the war; the reading will
11 conclude August 17 at the VFW's Site of the Living Memorial,
12 the area's first Vietnam Memorial; and

13 WHEREAS, Employees from the Marion VA Medical Center will
14 begin reading names at 6 a.m. on August 13, until 8 p.m.; the
15 remaining readings throughout the week will be done in the same
16 format, with the Illinois names being read last on Friday,
17 August 17, concluding at noon; a ceremony will be performed at
18 the memorial site upon the reading of the names; and

19 WHEREAS, The memorial bears an inscription honoring all
20 Vietnam veterans; the margins will contain the 77 names of
21 veterans killed in action who hailed from Franklin County and

1 continuing south to the farthest reaches of the State,
2 encompassing more than 40 communities; and

3 WHEREAS, As time has passed from the end of the war in
4 1975, Vietnam veterans have supported each other in their fight
5 for rights and benefits; they have extended their support and
6 help to American service men and women returning from the 2
7 Iraq wars and Afghanistan; and

8 WHEREAS, The Vietnam veteran's motto is "Never again will
9 one generation of veterans abandon another"; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we recognize the Heyde-Pillow VFW Post 1301 celebration
13 honoring the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Heyde-Pillow VFW Post 1301 as an expression of
16 our esteem and respect.