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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United States engaged in operations during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 to November 30, 1975; and

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WHEREAS, In 1961, North Vietnam advanced into South Vietnam using the Ho Chi Minh trail, which crossed into Laos; another war was subsequently waged, which became known as the Secret War; and

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WHEREAS, Laotian soldiers and airmen were recruited and trained to engage in guerilla warfare against the North Vietnamese; they fought alongside American soldiers, rescued downed pilots, and defended American outposts; many were injured, tortured, and killed in the course of their duties; and

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WHEREAS, After the evacuation of allied forces at the end of the war, these soldiers and their families were forced to flee to Thailand for refuge; many of these refugees eventually immigrated to the United States and chose Elgin as their new home; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we show our support for the placement of an official plaque at

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1 the Elgin Veterans Memorial Park to recognize and honor Laotian
2 veterans who have served alongside our finest United States
3 Armed Forces during the Vietnam War; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the City of Elgin.