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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Honoring our nation's and State's Vietnam
3 veterans is an appropriate measure, given their selfless acts
4 of courage in the face of adversity and uncertainty and their
5 willingness to serve their country when called upon; their
6 bravery and sacrifice should not be forgotten; and

7 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War lasted from 1964 to 1975, making
8 it the United States' second longest war; the war required the
9 9.2 million Americans who served in the military throughout the
10 war's duration to perform at sustained tempos of intensity and
11 professionalism in all facets of military operations; and

12 WHEREAS, Nearly 2.7 million Americans served in Vietnam
13 throughout the war, facing countless challenges in an
14 unfamiliar environment where struggle was the norm; servicemen
15 and women were called upon to serve thousands of miles away
16 from home; and

17 WHEREAS, 58,286 American military personnel paid the
18 ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country and
19 their fellow soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen; and

20 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
21 Assembly pays honor and respect to those truly exceptional

1 individuals who served our nation in Vietnam and, in doing so,
2 have gone above and beyond the call of duty by making
3 sacrifices so that their fellow Americans and Illinoisans could
4 live the lives promised by the United States Constitution;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Interstate
9 80 between Illinois Route 57 and Interstate 355 as the Vietnam
10 Veterans Memorial Parkway; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
12 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
13 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
14 giving notice of the name of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Parkway;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
18 Transportation.