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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Veterans have sacrificed their livelihoods and  
3 oftentimes their careers to defend our nation's freedom; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of  
5 Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, among the 573,000  
6 unemployed veterans nationwide in 2014, 59% were ages 45 and  
7 over, 37% were ages 25 to 44, and 4% were ages 18 to 24; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2014, the unemployment rate of veterans varied  
9 by state, ranging from 1.4% in North Dakota to 8.5% in  
10 Maryland; Illinois has one of the highest veteran unemployment  
11 rates in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, According to a Bureau of Labor Statistics report  
13 released on March 18, 2015, Illinois has the 8th highest  
14 unemployment rate of veterans in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois should be a leader at  
16 providing all the resources necessary to help unemployed  
17 veterans get back to work; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of Missouri maintains a one-of-a-kind  
19 website to help put unemployed veterans back to work, called  
20 "Show Me Heroes"; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 encourage the Illinois Department of Employment Security to  
4 create a website modeled after the State of Missouri's "Show Me  
5 Heroes" website to help put more veterans back to work; and be  
6 it further

7           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
8 delivered to Governor Bruce Rauner and the Director of  
9 Employment Security.