

## 1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Throughout history brave Americans have shed  
3 their blood during wars and conflicts to preserve, protect,  
4 and defend the foundation of the principles of democracy and  
5 freedom; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of those that have served have been the  
7 brave men and women of the State of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, In every military conflict and national time of  
9 need since 1818, the brave men and women of the State of  
10 Illinois have risen to the cause of defending democracy; and

11 WHEREAS, These brave men and women often left behind  
12 family, friends, farms, and businesses, and many of them were  
13 never to return, making the ultimate sacrifice for their  
14 country; and

15 WHEREAS, With the signing of the Armistice ending the  
16 "War to End All Wars", World War I, on November 11, 1918, the  
17 veterans of Illinois were given a holiday of solemn  
18 remembrance and thanks from their countrymen, which later  
19 came to be known as Veterans Day; and

20 WHEREAS, The people of the great State of Illinois wish  
21 to thank those numerous veterans for their sacrifices and  
22 service; and

23 WHEREAS, The entire portion of the Interstate  
24 255-Interstate 270 loop around the St. Louis metropolitan  
25 area that lies in Missouri has been renamed the American  
26 Veterans Memorial Highway; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
29 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the entire portion of  
30 the Interstate 255-Interstate 270 loop that lies in this

1 State is named the American Veterans Memorial Highway; and be  
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
4 is requested to erect, in at least 10 suitable locations,  
5 plaques or signs in recognition of the American Veterans  
6 Memorial Highway; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be  
8 delivered to the Secretary of Transportation, to the Illinois  
9 headquarters of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign  
10 Wars, and the Vietnam Veterans of America, and to the East  
11 St. Louis Vet Center.