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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The Honor Flight Network is a nonprofit network of 3 organizations created to honor American veterans by 4 transporting them to Washington, D.C. to visit war memorials; 5 and

WHEREAS, Of the 16 million Americans who served in World
War II, only 620,000 were alive in 2016; the National World War
II Museum estimates that 372 World War II veterans pass away
each day; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois has scheduled its first flight for April 25, 2017; the flight departs at approximately 6:00 a.m. and returns to Marion between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, All expenses for this one-day trip are covered by the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois, including the flight, ground transportation, meals, and beverages; the trip is provided free of charge to the veterans through fundraisers, donations, and sponsors; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 25, 2017 as Veterans Honor Flight Day in the

- 1 State of Illinois; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 3 presented to the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois.