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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 2 WHEREAS, The American Legion is a U.S. war veterans' 3 organization comprised of state, U.S. territory, and overseas 4 departments along with local posts; and 5 WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded at the American 6 Club near Place de la Concorde in Paris, France by members of 7 the American Expeditionary Forces on March 15, 1919; and 8 WHEREAS, The American Legion was chartered by the U.S. 9 Congress on September 16, 1919; and WHEREAS, The Yorkville American Legion Post #489 currently 10 11 has over 600 members; and 12 WHEREAS, The American Legion Post #489 commissioned the War Memorial located in the United City of Yorkville Town Square, 13 14 301 N. Bridge, Yorkville, IL 60560 in Kendall County; and 15 WHEREAS, The Yorkville War Memorial was dedicated by Legion 16 Commander Robert Goins on May 30, 1969; the Memorial recognizes 17 the Kendall County service members who made the ultimate sacrifice during their service in a time of war; and 18

WHEREAS, The American Legion Post #489 and the United City

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- of Yorkville continue to maintain the Memorial in honor of
- 2 those who have fought and died in the defense of freedom; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The sacrifices made by the 61 solders from Kendall
- 4 County who gave their lives for freedom will forever be
- 5 memorialized by the Yorkville Legion War Memorial; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The losses in defense of freedom felt by the City
- 7 of Yorkville and every community across the U.S. shall be
- 8 honored by memorial services at the War Memorial in Yorkville;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, The American Legion recently held the Annual
- 11 Memorial Day Ceremony at the Memorial to remember and honor 61
- 12 Yorkville and Kendall County fallen service members, as well as
- 13 all men and women who are currently serving or have served in
- defense of freedoms and the American way of life; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Military men and women, past and present, are the
- 16 protectors of the American way of life; therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 19 that we commend the men and women of the American Legion for
- 20 their vigilant support of those who serve and have served in
- 21 the Armed Forces; and be it further

- RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 1
- presented to the Yorkville American Legion Post #489 as an 2
- expression of our esteem and respect. 3