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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Illinois House
3 of Representatives that there are a significant number of
4 veterans of foreign wars, including World War II, Vietnam,
5 Iraq, and Afghanistan veterans, who were legal permanent
6 residents of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, When these veterans returned to civilian life
8 without appropriate support in reintegration, both
9 psychologically and economically, they fell into addictions
10 and criminal activities, were arrested and, due to their legal
11 permanent resident status, were deported; and

12 WHEREAS, Many of these veterans live in Mexico in terrible
13 and abject conditions after having served honorably in the
14 Armed Forces of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Several of these veterans have asked for support
16 in obtaining reentry into the United States to be with their
17 families and United States citizen children; and

18 WHEREAS, Our nation owes these veterans adequate support
19 and rehabilitation equal to that owed veterans with full
20 citizenship; and

1 WHEREAS, These deported veterans represent the tragic
2 results of a population under siege by the policies of mass
3 deportation and mass incarceration and should be supported in
4 resistance to those policies; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 bring the cases of these veterans to the attention of the
8 members of Congress and to the President of the United States
9 in a determined effort to win the return of these veterans to
10 their families, children, and communities in the United States;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional
14 delegation and the President.