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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Veterans of Foreign Wars  
4 (VFW) Post 1337 of Mount Prospect on the occasion of its 100th  
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, For 100 years, VFW Post 1337 has been advocating  
7 for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in personal and  
8 political matters, providing camaraderie for returning  
9 military personnel and their families while serving as a  
10 community organization through its volunteer work; and

11 WHEREAS, VFW Post 1337, built by locally skilled tradesmen  
12 and craftsmen who were veterans of World Wars I and II in the  
13 post-war years of 1949 and 1950, was created as a location for  
14 veterans to share their service-related connections and  
15 memories, to commemorate the past, and to have a place of  
16 belonging; and

17 WHEREAS, VFW Post 1337 has been presented with the status  
18 of All-American Post, a prestigious recognition given by the  
19 national VFW organization for member participation in VFW  
20 programs and for growth in membership numbers, for six years  
21 in a row; and

1       WHEREAS, In 1899, the VFW of the United States was founded  
2       by veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine  
3       Insurrection as a loose association of many smaller local  
4       veterans' organizations in order to secure rights and benefits  
5       for their service, as many of these veterans arrived home sick  
6       or wounded without long-term medical care options or a  
7       veterans' pension to sustain themselves; and

8       WHEREAS, National and local VFW chapters have been  
9       instrumental in advocating for veterans and service members'  
10      rights on the county, state, and national levels, such as the  
11      creation of the G.I. Bills in the 20th and 21st centuries,  
12      expanding educational benefits for service members, increasing  
13      healthcare accessibility for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent  
14      Orange and Gulf War veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome,  
15      and championing for the inclusion and recognition of female  
16      veterans; and

17      WHEREAS, National and local VFW posts have been  
18      responsible for securing the funding towards the creation of  
19      the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Veterans  
20      Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Military Women's  
21      Memorial to recognize the warriors of the past, preserving  
22      their stories and sacrifices for the benefit of future  
23      generations; therefore, be it

1       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2       HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3       we congratulate Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1337 of  
4       Mount Prospect on its 100th anniversary; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6       presented to Post Commander Les Durov of VFW Post 1337 as an  
7       expression of our esteem and respect.