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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois House of Representatives pays honor and respect to those who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

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WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Theodore Alexander Katsoolias served in the U.S. Army as a member of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division; and

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WHEREAS, On November 25, 1950, approximately 300,000 Chinese Communist Forces launched a counteroffensive against U.N. forces after crossing the Yalu River; SFC Katsoolias' unit was positioned near the Chongchon River and soon came under intense attack; unable to halt the enemy advance and in danger of being surrounded, his unit pulled back and was forced to fight against enemy pursuit while also attempting to break through well-defended roadblocks; the withdrawal was not complete until early December and inflicted extremely heavy casualties on his unit; and

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WHEREAS, SFC Katsoolias went missing at some point during the withdrawal to Kujang; he was never reported as a prisoner of war, and his remains have not been recovered; and

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1 WHEREAS, SFC Katsoolias is memorialized on the Courts of
2 the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific;
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4 WHEREAS, The Heroes Way Designation Program through the
5 Illinois Department of Transportation honors fallen Illinois
6 heroes who have been killed in action while performing active
7 military duty with the United States Armed Forces and has
8 designated Route 59 in West Chicago from Route 38 to Route 64
9 as the SFC Theodore A. Katsoolias Memorial Highway; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we commend the designation of the SFC Theodore A. Katsoolias
14 Memorial Highway as part of the Heroes Way Designation Program
15 through the Illinois Department of Transportation; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of SFC Katsoolias.