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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The City of Wheaton was founded in 1831, and it
3 has been in existence for almost 200 years; and

4 WHEREAS, During this time, the people of Wheaton have
5 repeatedly displayed their commitment to the United States of
6 America, including during the Civil War, World War I, World
7 War II, the Cold War, and the Global War on Terror; and

8 WHEREAS, As the United States of America celebrates its
9 birthday on July 4, the people of Wheaton prepare for and mark
10 this celebration and observance by hosting an annual
11 installation and event known as the Wheaton Field of Honor;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, During the Wheaton Field of Honor event,
14 volunteers plant 2,000 United States flags in ordered ranks,
15 symbolizing the level of disciplined self-control that those
16 who defend our communities and our country must impose on
17 themselves as an essential part of their service; and

18 WHEREAS, The Wheaton Field of Honor recognizes the service
19 and sacrifices of members of the United States Armed Forces,
20 veterans of the United States Armed Forces, first responders,
21 and the other heroes who serve and protect our communities;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Each of the 2,000 flags is dedicated to an
3 individual service member, first responder, or community
4 defender as recognition of their service; and

5 WHEREAS, The Wheaton Field of Honor event takes place at
6 Seven Gables Park on historic Naperville Road; and

7 WHEREAS, The Wheaton Field of Honor event includes one
8 week of annual group observances of respect, featuring
9 vocalists, bagpipers, drummers, Honor Guards, flyovers, and
10 the playing of "Taps"; and

11 WHEREAS, The flags of the Wheaton Field of Honor will be
12 planted by June 28, 2025, and a weeklong series of observance
13 events will be held from June 28, 2025 until July 4, 2025; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Allen James Lynch, Company D, 1st
15 Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, will
16 be present for the Wheaton Field of Honor observance in 2025;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, On December 15, 1967, then-Specialist/4th Class
19 Cadet Lynch, while he and his unit were facing a numerically
20 superior force near My An, South Vietnam, repeatedly exposed

1 himself to enemy fire to observe and reconnoiter the enemy,
2 succor the wounded, defend his position, call in
3 reinforcements, and evacuate casualties; and

4 WHEREAS, For his service on December 15, 1967, Sergeant
5 Lynch was awarded the Medal of Honor, with the medal presented
6 by then-President of the United States Richard M. Nixon on May
7 14, 1970; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Lynch has been designated as the keynote
9 speaker of the Wheaton Field of Honor observance in 2025 in
10 recognition of his heroic service; therefore, 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 organizers, volunteers, and participants of the
14 Wheaton Field of Honor for observing and reflecting upon the
15 service generated by the members of the United States Armed
16 Forces, past and present, as well as first responders and
17 community defenders of all types who keep our communities and
18 way of life safe; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to United States Army Sergeant and Medal of Honor
21 recipient Allen James Lynch and Wheaton Field of Honor Project
22 Chair Rudy Keller as a symbol of our esteem and respect.