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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Sgt. Allen James Lynch on his
4 military service and on his dedication to serving the veterans
5 of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Allen James Lynch was born in Chicago on October
7 28, 1945 and grew up in Indiana; he enlisted in the United
8 States Army in 1964 and served until 1969 during the Vietnam
9 War as a specialist four with Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th
10 Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile); and

11 WHEREAS, Allen James Lynch, while serving with his unit on
12 December 15, 1967, was near My An in the Binh Dinh Province of
13 Vietnam when he bravely rescued three wounded soldiers at
14 great risk to his own life and stayed behind with them when
15 everyone else withdrew; he protected the men and
16 single-handedly defended them against enemy attack for hours
17 before being able to bring them to safety; and

18 WHEREAS, Allen James Lynch, as a result of his heroism
19 above and beyond the call of duty during the fight, was
20 promoted to sergeant and awarded the Medal of Honor by
21 President Richard Nixon in 1970; and

1 WHEREAS, Allen James Lynch, following the war, settled in
2 Gurnee and worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs,
3 where he advocated for increased benefits for disabled
4 veterans, and served as chief of the Veterans Rights Bureau
5 for the Illinois Attorney General's office until his
6 retirement in 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Allen James Lynch has spent time volunteering for
8 the Vietnam Veterans of America and serves as the liaison for
9 the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, providing outreach
10 and speaking at military-related events; and

11 WHEREAS, Allen James Lynch is a published author and wrote
12 about his experiences in a memoir entitled Zero to Hero, which
13 was published in 2019; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we commend Sgt. Allen James Lynch on his military service and
17 express our deepest gratitude on his dedication to serving our
18 nation and the veterans of the State of Illinois; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Sgt. Allen James Lynch as a symbol that his
22 bravery in saving the lives of those three men will never be

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