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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, When the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington,  
3 D.C. was finished in 1983, the wall listed more than 58,000  
4 servicemen and women who had either died in action or went  
5 missing during the Vietnam War; and

6           WHEREAS, Due to a fire at government storage facility in  
7 1973, the United States military lost millions of personnel  
8 records, including many of those who were listed on the wall;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, The military and other organizations made efforts  
11 to recover the lost data; 24,000 veterans listed on the wall  
12 still had no picture in military records as of 2013; and

13           WHEREAS, In January of 2017, the Illinois Press Association  
14 Foundation joined the National Newspaper Association in  
15 coordinated effort to recover the 579 missing Illinois  
16 veterans' photos; and

17           WHEREAS, Illinois newspapers have worked with their  
18 communities to locate 100 of the missing photos; 45 counties in  
19 Illinois are home to the remaining 479 soldiers without photos;  
20 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 urge Illinois communities to become involved in the Vietnam  
4 Veterans Memorial Foundation's "Wall of Faces" project to help  
5 locate pictures of soldiers whose photos were lost and to  
6 further preserve the legacy of those who sacrificed all in the  
7 Vietnam War.