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HOUSE RESOLUTION 530

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

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

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

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

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

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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.