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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Elmhurst American
4 Legion T.H.B. Post 187 on the occasion of its upcoming 100th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The Elmhurst American Legion T.H.B. Post 187 was
7 chartered by a group of World War I veterans on September 26,
8 1919; the post was named in memory of three Elmhurst residents,
9 Earnest Timrott, Richard Hintz, and Kinsely Buck, who were the
10 first from the city to be killed in battle; at the time of its
11 founding, the Post had 19 charter members; by 1924, membership
12 had increased to 39; by 1927, with considerable effort from
13 Commander Arden Nance, the membership total exceeded the 300
14 mark; and

15 WHEREAS, The Elmhurst American Legion T.H.B. Post 187 has a
16 rich history; in the late 1920s, the Post formed the American
17 Legion Baseball League in DuPage County, and has had a team
18 since 1926 and competed in the State playoffs in 1929; in 1976,
19 the team participated in the State finals and placed third; in
20 the 1930s, the Post led the campaign for the construction of
21 the East End Swimming Pool; during the 1940s, the Post
22 purchased its first home and was instrumental in raising funds
23 for the first public display of fireworks at the July 4th

1 celebration; in the 1960s, the T.H.B. Post 187 Drill Team was
2 formed, and the Post contributed to the commemoration of the
3 new Elmhurst Library; in 1976, a color guard was formed to
4 compete in state championships; the team won first place in
5 1977 and 1979; the Post contributed to Disaster Relief Funds
6 and helped with the American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon in the
7 1980s; six Post members were awarded 50-year memberships in
8 1994; and

9 WHEREAS, The Elmhurst American Legion T.H.B. Post 187
10 continues to serve the community in many ways, including
11 planning and participating in the Memorial Day Parade and
12 Veteran's Day Ceremony, helping to establish the Elmhurst
13 Veteran's Memorial in Wilder Park, providing an honor guard for
14 the funerals of veterans, conducting color guard services for
15 various civic organizations and programs, assisting the
16 Elmhurst Fire Department with establishing an Honor Guard
17 Academy, periodically sending supply packages to troop
18 deployed overseas, and hosting the Great Lakes naval recruits
19 for Thanksgiving; and

20 WHEREAS, The Elmhurst American Legion T.H.B. Post 187
21 assists veterans with a variety of needs, including obtaining
22 discharge documents, assisting with admission to Hines
23 Hospital, helping the family of a deceased veteran find a
24 burial plot in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, finding

1 transportation for veterans to hospital and doctor
2 appointments, and developing educational programs for
3 veterans; and

4 WHEREAS, The Elmhurst American Legion T.H.B. Post 187 helps
5 local students by providing information about the Post and
6 veterans, awarding scholarships and other school awards to
7 local students on an annual basis, and teaching scouts the
8 fundamentals of flag etiquette, patriotism, and the value of
9 community service; they also send veterans to Elmhurst College
10 classes to speak about military service; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Legion was chartered by Congress as a
12 patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veteran's organization in
13 1919; the American Legion is a community-service organization
14 with nearly three million members organized into 15,000 Posts
15 worldwide; the Elmhurst American Legion has been serving
16 veterans and the Elmhurst community for nearly 100 years; the
17 membership includes 550 veterans, 140 Women's Auxiliary, and
18 127 Sons of the American Legion Squadron; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 congratulate the Elmhurst American Legion T.H.B. Post 187 on
22 the occasion of its upcoming 100th anniversary, and we commend
23 their service to veterans and their community; we wish them

1 many more successful years; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the Elmhurst American Legion T.H.B. Post 187 as an
4 expression of our esteem and respect.