

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Throughout history brave Americans have shed
3 their blood during wars and conflicts to preserve, protect,
4 and defend the foundation of the principles of democracy and
5 freedom, and hundreds of thousands have paid the ultimate
6 sacrifice to ensure that future generations enjoy life's
7 liberties; and

8 WHEREAS, On August 7, 1782, General George Washington
9 established the Military Badge of Merit, which on February
10 22, 1932 became the present and now the oldest military
11 decoration in the world, the Purple Heart medal; and

12 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart medal is awarded to all
13 military personnel who are killed or wounded in action
14 against the enemy; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
17 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that Interstate 72, traversing
18 through the heart of Illinois, be designated as the
19 commemorative "Purple Heart Memorial Highway", to pay tribute
20 to the many thousands of Illinois residents who have been
21 awarded the Purple Heart medal; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
23 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
24 State and federal regulations, an appropriate plaque or signs
25 giving notice of the name; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 delivered to the Secretary of Transportation.