



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Throughout history brave Americans have shed
3 their blood during wars and conflicts to preserve, protect, and
4 defend the foundation of the principles of democracy and
5 freedom; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of those that have served have been the brave
7 men and women of the State of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, In every military conflict and national time of
9 need since 1818, the brave men and women of the State of
10 Illinois have risen to the cause of defending democracy; and

11 WHEREAS, These brave men and women often left behind
12 family, friends, farms, and businesses, and many of them were
13 never to return, making the ultimate sacrifice for their
14 country; and

15 WHEREAS, With the signing of the Armistice ending the "War
16 to End All Wars", WWI, on November 11, 1918, the veterans of
17 Illinois were given a holiday of solemn remembrance and thanks
18 from their countrymen, which later came to be known as Veterans
19 Day; and

20 WHEREAS, The people of the great State of Illinois wish to
21 thank those numerous veterans for their sacrifices and service;
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
25 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that U.S. Business Route 51
26 traversing through Decatur, Illinois is designated as Veterans
27 Parkway, in honor of the veterans of the State of Illinois; and
28 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
2 is requested to erect appropriate plaques along this route in
3 recognition of Veterans Parkway; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 delivered to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of
6 Transportation and the Illinois Secretary of Transportation.