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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois service members and veterans have
3 demonstrated selflessness and service, and their families have
4 made incredible sacrifices in service to our country; and

5 WHEREAS, A Gold Star family is the family of a military
6 member who has died while valiantly serving in the U.S. Armed
7 Forces; it is a term meant to honor the sacrifice of the
8 service member while acknowledging the family's grief and
9 healing; and

10 WHEREAS, The Gold Star 500 raises funds to support
11 scholarships in the name of fallen service members to ensure
12 that we honor these heroes and that we always remember, never
13 forget, the sacrifices of our fallen Illinois service members
14 and their families; and

15 WHEREAS, The Gold Star Mission has awarded more than
16 \$283,000 in scholarships and oversees the Fallen Heroes
17 History Project which tells the story of fallen service
18 members; and

19 WHEREAS, The Gold Star 500 will continue to raise funds to
20 support this mission and to honor our fallen service members
21 by preserving their memory and continuing their legacy of

1 service to others in need; and

2 WHEREAS, The 8th Annual Gold Star 500 Ride will begin in
3 Metropolis on September 24, 2024 and continue for 512 miles
4 across the State until riders reach the Ross Pearson VFW in
5 Rockford on September 28, 2024; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we recognize the Gold Star 500, and we celebrate its mission to
9 continue the legacy of Gold Star families; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we pay tribute to our fallen service
11 members and their families who have sacrificed so greatly for
12 our freedom; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the Gold Star Mission and the Ross Pearson VFW as
15 an expression of our esteem and respect.