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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the employees of the Rock Island Arsenal on receiving the "2015 Best Military Related Blood Drive Coordinator" award; and

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WHEREAS, The Rock Island Arsenal has contributed to our national defense for over 150 years; and

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WHEREAS, In 1974, the Rock Island Arsenal began doing regular blood drives with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center; and

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WHEREAS, The Rock Island Arsenal currently hosts an average of 50 blood drives a year, bringing in over 1,000 blood donations annually; and

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WHEREAS, Thanks to the positive influence of the Rock Island Arsenal on the importance of blood donation, several of the contractors on Arsenal Island now host their own blood drives; and

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WHEREAS, Because of the high volume of donations the Rock Island Arsenal generates, its employees play a major role in ensuring the community has access to a safe and adequate blood

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1 supply; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2015, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center
3 nominated the employees of Rock Island Arsenal as the "Best
4 Military Related Blood Drive Coordinators" in a statewide
5 competition hosted by the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood
6 Centers; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 commend the Rock Island Arsenal employees for their enthusiasm,
10 self-less service and commitment to the community and wish them
11 continued success with their blood collection efforts; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the employees of the Rock Island Arsenal as a
15 symbol of our respect and esteem.