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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the United States Army on
4 the occasion of its 250th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Army, then called the
6 Continental Army, was founded on June 14, 1775 by the
7 Continental Congress and placed under the command of Gen.
8 George Washington in recognition of the need for a national
9 standing army for defense; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Army is older than the nation
11 it serves, as it was founded before the signing of the
12 Declaration of Independence and the adoption of the
13 Constitution; the vital role of the Army cannot be overstated,
14 ranging from warfighting capabilities and domestic and
15 international infrastructure projects to humanitarian aid; and

16 WHEREAS, Much of the history of the United States has been
17 written on battlefields around the world; this history was
18 created by individuals from all walks of life, of all colors,
19 creeds, religions, genders, social classes, and identities;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The United States Army is an institution that

1 demands so much of its members; it is on behalf of the nation
2 that these demands are asked and are met, repeatedly, from the
3 earliest days of the founding of the United States to the
4 present day and into the conflicts of the future; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Army in the modern context
6 traces its roots to the War of 1812, as a continuation of the
7 Continental Army, and has seen battle on the American
8 continent during westward expansion, the Civil War, and the
9 Caribbean during the Spanish-American War; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Army has not only seen conflict
11 in the Americas but also Europe during the World Wars, in the
12 Pacific during World War II, and on mainland Asia during the
13 Korean and Vietnam wars; and

14 WHEREAS, The most recent conflicts in which the United
15 States Army engaged were mostly fought in Iraq, Afghanistan,
16 and North Africa in an effort to combat terrorism and
17 democratize the region; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Army must be adaptable to the
19 changing nature of conflicts and global circumstances; the
20 logistical capabilities of the United States Army are
21 unmatched, and the noble pursuit of the individuals who make
22 up the United States Army add to the long-storied lineage of

1 not only the United States Army but also of a grateful nation;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate the United States Army on its 250th
6 anniversary; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Brig. Gen. John "Brad" Hinson as an expression of
9 our highest respect and esteem.