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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Tribute to Valor Foundation was founded in 2018 as an all-volunteer organization focused on influencing, inspiring, and impacting the youth of America to ask themselves "Who Am I?" and to answer by reflecting on the six core character values derived from our nation's highest military decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor; and

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WHEREAS, The Tribute to Valor Foundation works to help the youth of America to understand, engage in, and incorporate into their daily lives the core values of the Medal of Honor; and

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WHEREAS, The six core values of the Medal of Honor are courage, sacrifice, patriotism, citizenship, integrity, and commitment; and

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WHEREAS, Courage is the mental and moral strength to face fear, danger, and adversity, and includes both physical and moral courage, and it is the willingness to stand up for what is right, even when it is unpopular or difficult, and the strength to defend those that are disenfranchised or mistreated; and

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WHEREAS, Sacrifice is a voluntary act of surrendering

1 personal interests for a greater cause and involves a selfless  
2 surrender of one's own interests or well-being for the  
3 betterment of another, and it is often considered an act of  
4 love or a demonstration of a deeper principle; and

5 WHEREAS, Patriotism is a devotion to and defense of the  
6 ideals of our country and is a sense of purpose derived from  
7 supporting the nation and its freedoms, and it manifests  
8 through disciplined service, commitment, and a belief in  
9 something greater than oneself; and

10 WHEREAS, Citizenship is the status of being a responsible  
11 member of a community, which includes both rights and  
12 responsibilities, and it means understanding your rights and  
13 duties, following rules, respecting others, and contributing  
14 positively to your community through actions such as teamwork  
15 and helping others; and

16 WHEREAS, Integrity is the desire to do what is right,  
17 legally and morally, which includes honesty, a firm adherence  
18 to moral and ethical principles, and acting consistently with  
19 one's values even when no one is watching, and it means being  
20 truthful and upright, saying what you mean, and doing what you  
21 say, with integrity forming the foundation of trust, a value  
22 that requires both personal moral courage and a commitment;  
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1           WHEREAS, Commitment is a pledge or an obligation to do  
2 something in the present and future, including a strong  
3 dedication to a cause, a person, or an activity, and it is the  
4 belief that giving your word and standing behind it is  
5 honorable and that you fulfill your promise despite any  
6 obstacles or adversity you might face; and

7           WHEREAS, By empowering the youth of America to face  
8 adversity and changing circumstances with the core values of  
9 the Medal of Honor, the Tribute to Valor Foundation hopes the  
10 next generation will gain the strength to make choices of  
11 which they can be proud and that will help them to become  
12 better citizens; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we commend the Tribute to Valor Foundation and its mission to  
16 inspire the youth of America and all people to ask themselves  
17 the question "Who Am I?" and to answer by reflecting on the six  
18 core values of the Medal of Honor.