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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The men and women from Illinois who have  
3 honorably served our nation have done so with courage,  
4 discipline, and a steadfast commitment to protecting the  
5 freedoms we enjoy; and

6           WHEREAS, Illinois veterans from all branches of the Armed  
7 Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,  
8 Coast Guard, Space Force, and the Illinois National Guard,  
9 continue to serve their communities as leaders, mentors, first  
10 responders, business owners, and public servants; and

11           WHEREAS, The transition from military service to civilian  
12 life presents both opportunities and challenges, making it  
13 important to recognize not only the sacrifices made in uniform  
14 but also the ongoing needs of Illinois veterans and their  
15 families; and

16           WHEREAS, The month of May includes observances such as  
17 Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, providing a meaningful  
18 opportunity for the people of Illinois to reflect on service,  
19 sacrifice, and continued contributions; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we declare May 2026 as Illinois Military Appreciation Month in  
2 the State of Illinois to honor the service, sacrifice, and  
3 continued contributions of veterans across our State; and be  
4 it further

5       RESOLVED, That citizens, schools, businesses, veterans'  
6 organizations, and government entities across Illinois are  
7 encouraged to observe Illinois Military Appreciation Month  
8 through activities that recognize veterans' ongoing impact,  
9 support their successful transition to civilian life, and  
10 strengthen connections between veterans and the communities  
11 they serve; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That these observances serve to complement  
13 remembrance efforts by recognizing not only those we have lost  
14 but also those who continue to serve our State and nation in  
15 new ways every day.