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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, U.S. troops who served in Honduras from 1981 to  
3 1992 earned 47 Purple Hearts, 2 POW Medals, and 4 Air Medals;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, U.S. troops served as advisors to the Honduran  
6 military and provided training and other exercises to  
7 strengthen the Honduran military to resist and deter  
8 Nicaraguan aggression; and

9 WHEREAS, Despite these feats, President Clinton and  
10 Congress awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal in 1996  
11 to veterans who served in El Salvador from 1981 to 1992, but  
12 they did not award the same honors to the veterans who served  
13 in Honduras; and

14 WHEREAS, The efforts of these veterans should not remain  
15 undervalued, as their efforts and sacrifices were as crucial  
16 to preventing the spread of communism in Central America as  
17 those in El Salvador; and

18 WHEREAS, The service of the veterans in Honduras is  
19 certainly befitting of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, as  
20 U.S. troops were injured and some lost their lives due to  
21 terrorist activity and otherwise hazardous events that

1 occurred in Honduras; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we urge the United States Congress to award the Armed Forces  
5 Expeditionary Medal to the U.S. veterans who were in Honduras  
6 from 1981 to 1992 for their service and sacrifices; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
9 delivered to the United States Senate Majority Leader, the  
10 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and all  
11 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.