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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On October 13, 1775, the United States Navy was
3 founded when the Continental Congress agreed to supply General
4 George Washington with an armed schooner and a sloop; and

5 WHEREAS, The U.S. Navy has been used successfully in the
6 American Revolution, World War I, World War II, the Korean
7 War, the Vietnam War, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation
8 Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, The U.S. Navy plays a critical role in the
10 defense of the United States and in preserving the lives and
11 liberties of its citizens, which it does through the placement
12 of installations such as the Illinois-based Naval Station
13 Great Lakes (NAVSTA Great Lakes); and

14 WHEREAS, Opened in 1911, NAVSTA Great Lakes is the U.S.
15 Navy's largest training installation and the home of the U.S.
16 Navy's only boot camp, and its mission is to enable and sustain
17 the fleet, family, and fighter by providing superior,
18 integrated Base Operating Support for all tenant commands and
19 elements on the installation; and

20 WHEREAS, NAVSTA Great Lakes is located on over 1,600 acres
21 overlooking Lake Michigan, and the installation includes 1,153

1 buildings with 39 on the National Register of Historic Places
2 and supports more than 50 tenant commands and elements as well
3 as more than 20,000 Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, and U.S.
4 Department of War civilians who live and work on the
5 installation; and

6 WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize the work and history
7 of NAVSTA Great Lakes in conjunction with celebrating the
8 250th anniversaries of both the United States Navy and the
9 Declaration of Independence; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October 28,
12 2026 as Naval Station Great Lakes Day in the State of Illinois
13 in recognition of the work and history of Naval Station Great
14 Lakes (NAVSTA Great Lakes).