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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend the Illinois National Guard, under the leadership of Brigadier General Richard R. Neely, for their exceptional service during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent turmoil in major cities during the week of May 25 to June 1, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois National Guard has served the State of Illinois and the nation for nearly 300 years; their tradition of service continues to this day with some 13,000 Illinois National Guard military men and women ready to serve our State or our nation at a moment's notice; and

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WHEREAS, To support the COVID-19 pandemic response, approximately 31,000 U.S. Army and Air National Guard troops have been activated nationwide, approximately 650 troops from Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois National Guard has assisted the State and its citizens in combating the novel coronavirus in a number of ways; in collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers, they provided support for the conversion of the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago into an alternate care facility; they have provided support to Cook County medical centers in

1 the respectful removal of the deceased; they have provided
2 medical screenings at Stateville and Sheridan correctional
3 facilities; they have supported logistics for alternate
4 housing facilities in Schaumburg, Springfield, and Mount
5 Vernon to allow family members to isolate themselves if they do
6 not already have the ability to do so to help prevent COVID-19
7 spread within families; they have operated drive-thru testing
8 sites, including in Harwood Heights, Markham, and Bloomington;
9 they assisted in restoring order during the recent protests in
10 major cities; and

11 WHEREAS, All missions the Illinois National Guard have
12 supported have been initiated by civilian agencies and in close
13 collaboration with Governor JB Pritzker; the Illinois National
14 Guard has proven to a stalwart partner in our State's attempts
15 to quell the COVID-19 pandemic and maintain order; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we commend the Illinois National Guard for their exceptional
20 service during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent turmoil in
21 major cities during the week of May 25 to June 1, 2020; and be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Brigadier General Richard R. Neely as an
2 expression of our esteem and respect.