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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In August of 2021, a mass evacuation out of
3 Afghanistan took place; and

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WHEREAS, On August 26, 2021, during this evacuation at
5 Hamid Karzai International Airport near Kabul, Afghanistan,
6 United States of America service members, acting under orders,
7 were guarding an airport security entrance checkpoint in order
8 to maintain evacuation security and to prevent Afghan
9 civilians from storming the airport; and

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WHEREAS, The crowd of civilians and their U.S. guards were
11 a target for terrorists; a large explosive device was
12 detonated at the airport, followed by a mass shooting; and

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WHEREAS, 13 U.S. service members, including 11 members of
14 the United States Marines, one member of the United States
15 Army, and one corpsman of the United States Navy, were killed,
16 and at least eighteen additional United States service members
17 were injured in the 2021 Kabul airport attack; and

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WHEREAS, At least 169 civilians were killed, including
19 civilians who possessed ties to the United Kingdom, and many
20 others were wounded; and

1 WHEREAS, These service officers and members of the United
2 States armed forces have presented their fellow Americans with
3 a shining example of love, honor, duty, and sacrifice;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we honor and memorialize the American casualties of the 2021
8 Kabul airport attack; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
10 General David H. Berger, Commandant of the United States
11 Marine Corps, General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff of the
12 United States Army and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,
13 and Admiral Michael M. Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations.