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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the United States Army
4 Reserve on the occasion of its 114th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 23rd, America's Army Reserve will
6 celebrate the generations of soldiers who, like many patriots
7 before them, embraced their roles as citizen soldiers by
8 continuing the proud and distinguished legacy of service in
9 the Army Reserve; and

10 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army Reserve is the U.S. Army's sole
11 dedicated Federal Reserve force, providing operational
12 capability and strategic depth to the total Army and the Joint
13 Force in support of U.S. national security interests and Army
14 commitments worldwide; and

15 WHEREAS, Through the interwar years, World War II, the
16 Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, the Global War
17 on Terror, and countless other crises, operations,
18 emergencies, and natural disasters, warrior citizens of the
19 Army Reserve have never failed to answer the nation's call;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, On April 23, 1908, Congress created the Medical

1 Reserve Corps, which was a group of 160 doctors formed to
2 provide the nation with a reservoir of trained medical
3 professionals for employment in times of national emergency;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A month after Congress established the Medical
6 Reserve Corps, President Theodore Roosevelt, one of the Army
7 Reserve's greatest citizen soldiers, signed the bill into law;
8 later, under the National Defense Act of 1916, Congress
9 created the Officers' Reserve Corps and the Enlisted Reserve
10 Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, On June 24, 1921, the 76th through the 101st
12 Divisions were reconstituted or constituted in the Organized
13 Reserve; and

14 WHEREAS, Operating as an Army component and
15 force-providing command, the Army Reserve has a
16 congressionally authorized strength of 199,000 soldiers, more
17 than 11,000 civilians, and 2,075 units; the Army Reserve
18 resides and operates in every state, five U.S. territories,
19 and 30 countries; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout history, citizen soldiers have
21 leveraged professional skills while serving in uniform; they
22 have added substantial value and depth to the force with

1 skills, education, and expertise acquired in the private
2 sector; and

3 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army Reserve has always been, and will
4 continue to be, comprised of men and women with great talents;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the United States Army Reserve on the occasion
9 of its 114th birthday in service to the United States Army and
10 this nation; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the U.S. Army Reserve as a symbol of our esteem
13 and respect.