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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Battle of Midway is widely considered one of the most significant naval battles in the Pacific Theater of World War II, taking place from June 4, 1942 to June 7, 1942, only six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor; Midway Island is located in the Pacific Ocean almost directly between the United States and Japan, making it a key target in the war; and

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WHEREAS, The U.S. Navy's victory in the battle, and subsequent defense of the major base on Midway Island, effectively turned the tides of World War II in the Pacific; as a result of the U.S. victory, Japan abandoned its plan to expand its reach in the Pacific and remained on the defensive for the remainder of World War II; and

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WHEREAS, In 1949, the Chicago Municipal Airport was renamed Midway in honor of the hard fought Battle of Midway; and

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WHEREAS, June 2025 marks the 83rd anniversary of the Battle of Midway; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 7, 2025

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1 as Battle of Midway Day in the State of Illinois to honor those
2 who served.