

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001 the United States of  
3 America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by terrorists  
4 who hijacked and crashed two airliners into the World Trade  
5 Center in New York City, one airliner into the Pentagon in  
6 Arlington, Virginia, and one airliner just outside of  
7 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks took the lives of more  
9 than 3,000 passengers, flight attendants, pilots, office  
10 workers, bystanders, and rescuers burned or buried under tons  
11 of rubble or trapped on the hijacked planes; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States of America thereby began a war  
13 on terrorism to hunt down and punish those responsible for  
14 the terrorist attacks, and in the process liberated an  
15 oppressed people living under the rule of the Taliban in  
16 Afghanistan; and

17 WHEREAS, The men and women of our armed forces, active,  
18 reserve and National Guard, have proven by their outstanding  
19 performance of duty in Afghanistan and other places such as  
20 Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, and  
21 other locations while accomplishing a wide variety of  
22 missions from war fighting to disaster relief, that military  
23 service is unique and provides a critical service to our  
24 nation; and

25 WHEREAS, More than 5,000 Illinois soldiers are serving in  
26 support of Operation Enduring Freedom as part of our nation's  
27 war on terrorism, in support of a potential war against Iraq,  
28 and for other engagements abroad, performing their duties  
29 with courage and great distinction; and

30 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the continued  
31 dedicated service of these men and women who serve the State

1 and the nation by protecting the lives and property of their  
2 families, friends, and neighbors; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes with profound  
4 gratitude the alliance of the nations of Great Britain,  
5 Australia, Italy, Spain, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary,  
6 Portugal, Denmark, and other nations that have offered active  
7 support to the United States at this time; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we honor the brave and selfless men and women of all  
11 components of the United States and allied armed forces for  
12 their great personal sacrifice, for their dedication to our  
13 State and country, for their defense of our freedom and  
14 security, and for their willingness to answer the call to  
15 duty during this time of danger to our country; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That we pay especial honor to the men and women  
18 on active service from Illinois, as they undertake their  
19 perilous missions; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
21 presented to the President of the United States, the  
22 Secretary of Defense, the members of the Illinois  
23 congressional delegation, and the Adjutant General of the  
24 Illinois Department of Military Affairs.