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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Brave citizens are serving our country all over 3 the world, placing themselves in harm's way in order to protect

4 the freedom and lives of people everywhere; and

5 WHEREAS, Those individuals who choose to serve our country 6 in the Armed Forces are worthy of the highest praise; and

WHEREAS, Many National Guard and Reserve members have been required to take indefinite leave from places of employment and all service members, active and reserve component, have left loved ones behind; and

WHEREAS, The following members of the Illinois National Guard Unit #123, based in Salem, are returning home after service in Iraq: Chad Eric Barnes, Max Norman Beem, Adam John Belcher, Gary Wayne Bequette, Jason Matthew Berry, Mark Allen Beshears Jr., Nicholas Bradley Cazadd, William Daniel Clark, Kyle Jacob Crompton, Scott Ryan Deuser, Dustin Alan Duncan, John Edward Fuesting Jr., David Aaron Gessel, Cody James Goldsborough, Brian Scott Goodiel, Nicholas Ray Hahn, Andrew Micheal Harvard, Curtis Scott Thompson, Anthony James Upegui, Steven Wayne Wimberly, Bryan Scott Wyrich, Arturo Hernandez Jr., Jason Allen Hurd, Jason Lee Konkel, Jason Wayne Lance, Craig Vincent Luebbers, Christopher Wayne Lyday, Phillip Lawrence Markus, Jeremy Patrick Massa, Joshua Allen Melton, Justin Grant Mix, Ryan David Monken, Robert Claude Plummer, Dennis Alexander Pracht, Matthew Wayne Prosise, Jesus Ricardo Ramos, John Wyatt Sury, Theodore John Tebbe, and Joshua August Tellefsen; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is proud of our courageous soldiers who serve in the Illinois National Guard and other branches of the military; therefore, be it

- RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
 we welcome these brave and courageous individuals as they
 return home from Iraq, and we thank them for their devotion to
 our country and willingness to bravely serve and defend the
 freedom of people everywhere; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each of the soldiers as an expression of our gratitude and respect for their sacrifice.