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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois recognize the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) at Mattoon High School; and

WHEREAS, The JROTC program has been in existence since 1935 and the Corps of Cadets has earned great honor for the program, the Mattoon High School, and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Students learn important lessons in teamwork, discipline, and leadership through the JROTC program; and

WHEREAS, The main emphasis of "community support" sets the tone for the activities during the year; a typical year for the JROTC program consists of the drill and rifle teams competing in 22 events to include regional and national level competition; participation in 21 parades, reviews, drill team demonstrations, visits to significant points of interest, and adventure training; an annual formal military ball; the color guard conducting 36 events in support of Corps and community activities; support for 24 school events; participation in 12 community support events, which include the VFW Poppy Day, Cancer Society car wash, Shriner's paper drive, Mattoon Clean-Up, Meals for the Needy, Lik-Nu Charity Sale, placing of flags on veterans' graves for Veterans Day, and funeral details; 14 cadets participating in JROTC summer camp; and participation in at least one major community service project; and

WHEREAS, The JROTC program is currently managed by LTC Ron Yelk and SFC Todd Stokes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the Mattoon High School JROTC program and recognize

1 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the young
2 men and women of our State, who are its future; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Mattoon High School's Junior Reserve Officers'
6 Training Corps program as an expression of our admiration and
7 esteem.