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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, More than 500,000 American men and women, wearing
3 the uniforms of the United States armed forces, have paid the
4 supreme sacrifice while in the service of their country; and

5 WHEREAS, After the conclusion of the American Civil War,
6 the two sides in the conflict, North and South together, joined
7 hands to create a national sacred day of remembrance in honor
8 of those who had fallen; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the organizational work of General John A.
10 Logan, born in Murphysboro, Memorial Day became an official
11 United States holiday, observed annually on the 4th Monday in
12 May; and

13 WHEREAS, Almost every American family and almost every
14 family in Illinois bears upon the rolls of its heart the name
15 or names of one or more individual soldiers of our own names
16 who have fallen for America in war and in combat; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2015, American men and women continue to serve
18 in uniform in active combat zones around the world, especially,
19 but not limited to, the Global War on Terror in numerous
20 countries, including Afghanistan; and

1 WHEREAS, The supreme sacrifice continues to be made by
2 patriotic young Americans of all 50 states, including Illinois,
3 who give their lives for the freedom and future of their fellow
4 Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, In grateful recognition of these sacrifices, on
6 Memorial Day the people of Illinois gather in places of
7 religious worship, town squares, and places of burial
8 throughout our State to remember and honor the fallen; and

9 WHEREAS, In recognition of these gatherings, most
10 employers and supervisors throughout Illinois grant their
11 employees and contractors an annual day of remembrance each
12 Memorial Day to enable these individuals to join their families
13 and take part in this annual sacred duty; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite this sacred custom, the current schedule
15 of the Illinois House of Representatives calls for us to
16 conduct secular business on Memorial Day, May 29, 2017, when we
17 ought to be home with our families and our communities,
18 reaffirming the sacred bonds that tie us together as Americans;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 pledge our eagerness to work tirelessly here in Springfield

1 during the third full week of May 2017 to complete the work of
2 the people of Illinois prior to Memorial Day; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we urge the Speaker of the Illinois House of
4 Representatives to recess the House for the duration of
5 Memorial Day, May 29, 2017, and not to call us back into
6 session until the completion of this day of American
7 remembrance and the completion of the sacred duties of this
8 day; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the Speaker of the Illinois House of
11 Representatives.