



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to welcome home the members of the 233rd
4 Illinois Army National Guard unit after a year of service in
5 Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

6 WHEREAS, The 233rd Illinois Army National Guard, based out
7 of Camp Lincoln in Springfield, was activated in February 2003
8 and began its tour of duty in Wisconsin and Kuwait before
9 arriving in Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, The 233rd Military Police Company was one of the
11 first units into Baghdad, Iraq in April 2003 when the soldiers
12 began their mission patrolling the streets of Baghdad, training
13 and supervising Iraqi police, and conducting raids; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of the 233rd unit were awarded nineteen
15 bronze stars, a Purple Heart, and four non-combat Soldiers
16 Medals; and

17 WHEREAS, On April 25, 2004 family and friends welcomed
18 members of this company as they arrived at their home base at
19 Camp Lincoln following fourteen months of deployment; and

20 WHEREAS, Twenty-eight soldiers from the original 233rd
21 unit continue to serve in Iraq after being transferred to other
22 units; and

23 WHEREAS, The members of this company serve our nation with
24 honor and pride and are owed an immense measure of gratitude;
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
28 welcome home the courageous men and women of the 233rd Military

1 Police from their duty in Iraq; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we salute the 233rd National Guard unit for
3 its dedication to this State and to the United States of
4 America; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the 233rd Military Police Company of the Illinois
7 National Guard as an expression of our gratitude.