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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois National Guard consists of over
3 13,000 of the best and brightest citizens of the State of
4 Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois National Guard honorably serves the
6 State and has helped keep our State safe during floods,
7 snowstorms, tornados, and disasters, both natural and
8 man-made, since its inception; and

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10 WHEREAS, The Illinois National Guard has honorably served
11 in the ongoing War on Terror since America was attacked on
September 11, 2001; and

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13 WHEREAS, The Illinois National Guard's state mission is "To
14 provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic
emergencies or as otherwise provided by state law"; and

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16 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Illinois are best
17 protected from disasters, both natural and manmade, by having
18 the soldiers of the Illinois National Guard remain standing
19 watch within our State, instead of stationed at the Mexican
border; and

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WHEREAS, No foreign army is amassed at our country's

1 southern borders, threatening invasion; and

2 WHEREAS, Governor Bruce Rauner indicated that he would be
3 open to sending the soldiers of the Illinois National Guard
4 1,000 miles away to serve in a federal capacity, guarding the
5 border with Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, The safety and security of the citizens of the
7 State of Illinois, along with the safety and security of our
8 National Guard members, must take precedence over the political
9 aspirations of our executive branch; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Governor Bruce
12 Rauner to put the safety and security of the citizens of the
13 State of Illinois first and not deploy the soldiers and airmen
14 of the Illinois National Guard to the Mexican border; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 delivered to Governor Bruce Rauner and Major General Richard J.
18 Hayes Jr., Adjutant General of Illinois.