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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the United States Army Reserve on the occasion of its 110th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, The United States Army Reserve is the United States Army's sole dedicated Federal Reserve force, providing operational capability and strategic depth to the total Army and the Joint Force in support of U.S. national security interests and Army commitments worldwide; and

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WHEREAS, America's Army Reserve is a capable, ready, and lethal team of technically and highly-skilled soldiers, providing critical capabilities to Army Service Component Commands and all Combatant Commands; as it has since its founding in 1908 as the Medical Reserve Corps, today's Army Reserve, anchored in civilian employment and local communities across the nation and highly trained and educated in 148 different military career fields, stands ready to serve the nation at home and abroad; and

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WHEREAS, Operating as an Army component and force-providing command, the Army Reserve has a congressionally authorized strength of 199,000 soldiers, more than 11,000 civilians, and 2,075 units, residing and operating

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1 in every state, five U.S. territories, and 30 countries; and

2 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve accounts for 20 percent of the
3 Army's organized units, provides nearly half of the Army's
4 total maneuver support, and makes up a quarter of the Army's
5 mobilization base expansion capability; and

6 WHEREAS, The Army Reserve's critical capabilities include
7 early opening and set-the-theater units required to rapidly
8 deploy forces, build expeditionary combat power, and sustain a
9 campaign-capable force; and

10 WHEREAS, Command authority of the Army Reserve rests under
11 a single individual who is both the Chief of the Army Reserve
12 and the Commanding General of the United States Army Reserve
13 Command; this streamlined command structure ensures unity of
14 command and unity of effort in the resourcing, training, and
15 accessing of the Army Reserve; and

16 WHEREAS, This enables support of every Army Service
17 Component Command and worldwide Combatant Command with an Army
18 Reserve footprint in all 50 states, five territories, and more
19 than 30 countries, as the Army Reserve is uniquely designed
20 from the ground up to meet the needs of the Joint Force under
21 this single unified command authority; and

1 WHEREAS, The Chief of Army Reserve is the principal advisor
2 on Army Reserve matters to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of
3 the Army; the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve plans,
4 prepares resources, and manages the force and is responsible
5 for the justification, defense, and execution of the Personnel,
6 Operations and Maintenance, and Construction budgets;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate the United States Army Reserve on the occasion
11 of its 110th birthday in service to the United States Army and
12 this nation; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the United States Army Reserve as a symbol of our
15 esteem and respect.