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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Military service members of Illinois and across  
3 the United States have sworn an oath to protect our nation's  
4 freedoms, even if it means the cost of their own life; and

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WHEREAS, These patriots join as young as seventeen years of  
6 age and are entrusted with the lives of their battle buddies,  
7 wingmen, and shipmates, along with various security clearances  
8 which entrust them with classified information; and

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WHEREAS, We already give our service members waivers based  
10 on their age for such things as renting a car and checking into  
11 a hotel; and

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WHEREAS, If they are old enough to die for our country or  
13 be tried in court as an adult and if they are wise and  
14 responsible enough to handle classified information that could  
15 put our nation at risk, serve on a jury, and shape our  
16 elections' outcomes, then they should be old enough to make  
17 well-informed decisions regarding their own personal health  
18 and safety; and

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WHEREAS, Withholding their ability to purchase tobacco or  
20 alcohol or obtain a conceal carry license takes away the  
21 privileges of adulthood for those already acting with the full

1 responsibility and culpability of a legal adult; and

2 WHEREAS, By not entrusting them with the full rights and  
3 privileges of adulthood, we are dishonoring the freedoms and  
4 liberties that they have voluntarily sworn to protect,  
5 disrespecting the sacrifices that they make, and disregarding  
6 the responsible, wise, and heroic grown men and women that they  
7 have become; 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 state our belief that the State of Illinois should grant  
11 those currently serving on Active, Guard, and Reserve status  
12 with the rights and privileges of adulthood; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14 delivered to all Illinois constitutional officers, the Speaker  
15 and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives,  
16 and the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate.