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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Major General Michael Zerbonia on the occasion of his retirement from the Illinois National Guard on July 31, 2021, after 38 years of military service; and

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WHEREAS, General Zerbonia received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Northeast Missouri State University; he earned his Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College; his military education also includes the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, Air Defense Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Defense Strategy Course, and Dual Status Commander's Course; and

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WHEREAS, General Zerbonia originally enlisted as a military policeman in the Missouri Army National Guard in 1983; after completing the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Northeast Missouri State University, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant on May 9, 1986; and

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WHEREAS, General Zerbonia transferred to the active Army as an air defense artillery officer in 1988; he joined the Illinois National Guard as the assistant air defense

1 coordination officer with the 1st Battalion, 202nd Air Defense
2 Artillery Regiment in 1991; and

3 WHEREAS, General Zerbonia has served in critical roles at
4 all levels of command and staff, including serving as
5 commander of the Bilateral Embedded Staff Team A10 and as the
6 deputy brigade commander for the Polish 12th Mechanized
7 Brigade in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Ghazni
8 Province, Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, General Zerbonia supported military operations in
10 Poland, Turkey, and Germany; he was deployed to Iraq in
11 support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from June 2005 to June 2006
12 and to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom
13 from October 2012 to May 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, General Zerbonia has served as the assistant
15 adjutant general since October 1, 2015; he is the principal
16 assistant in all matters pertaining to the supervision and
17 management of the Illinois Department of Military Affairs and
18 the Illinois Army National Guard, which consists of 10,000
19 citizen-soldiers; and

20 WHEREAS, General Zerbonia has received a number of awards
21 and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze
22 Star (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (2

1 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf
2 Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster),
3 the National Defense Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component
4 Achievement Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Action
5 Badge, and the Bronze Medal of the Polish Armed Forces; and

6 WHEREAS, General Zerbonia has spent his military career
7 protecting and serving the State of Illinois and our country;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Major General Michael Zerbonia on his
12 retirement from the Illinois National Guard and thank him for
13 his service to the country over the past 38 years; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to General Zerbonia as an expression of our esteem
17 and respect.