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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Shawn Duresse Gibson for
4 her service to our nation in the United States Armed Forces and
5 congratulate her for being Illinois State Representative Eddie
6 Washington's Veteran of the Month; and

7 WHEREAS, Shawn Gibson was born on June 3, 1963, in
8 Waukegan; she graduated from North Chicago High School with the
9 class of 1981; during high school, she was very active in
10 sports and earned a letter in track and field; and

11 WHEREAS, Shawn Gibson joined the United States Army on
12 September 28, 1982; on January 25, 1983, she began basic
13 training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, where she was trained as
14 an Automated Logistics Specialist; on March 8, 1983, she
15 attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia,
16 where she graduated with honors in May of 1983; and

17 WHEREAS, Shawn Gibson served in numerous support units
18 throughout her service in the Army, including tours of duty in
19 posts throughout the United States, Germany, and Korea; she
20 also served with the United States Army Combined Arms Support
21 Command and volunteered to be a drill sergeant at Fort Knox,
22 Kentucky; at the time of her retirement in January of 2009, she

1 was serving as a First Sergeant with the 240th Quartermaster
2 Company in Bamberg, Germany; and

3 WHEREAS, Shawn Gibson was the recipient of numerous awards
4 and decorations during her service in the Army, including the
5 Meritorious Service Medal with 2nd oak leaf cluster (OLC), the
6 Army Commendation Medal (5th OLC), the Army Achievement Medal
7 (5th OLC), 7 Army Good Conduct Medals, the Korean Defense
8 Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Global War
9 on Terrorism Service Medal, 3 NCO Professional Development
10 Ribbons, the Army Service Ribbon, 4 Overseas Service Ribbons,
11 and the Drill Sergeant Instructor Badge; and

12 WHEREAS, Shawn Gibson enjoys singing, playing softball and
13 volleyball, taking care of her fellow soldiers, and spending
14 time with her beautiful children, Devante' and Jaylen; and

15 WHEREAS, Shawn Gibson serves as a model of hard work,
16 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
17 Illinois; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 honor Shawn Duresse Gibson for her service to our nation,
21 congratulate her for being Illinois State Representative Eddie
22 Washington's Veteran of the Month, and wish her continued

1 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Shawn Gibson as a symbol of our esteem and
4 respect.