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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are pleased to 3 recognize milestone events in Illinois communities; and

WHEREAS, A war is being conducted overseas by the brave men and women of our armed services, who have courageously put the defense of the United States of America above their own personal safety and comfort; and

8 WHEREAS, It is vital to the success of our troops that we 9 show our support for their service and display our pride in 10 their accomplishments; and

11 WHEREAS, Tee it Up for the Troops is a non-profit 12 organization established in 2005 to support the fallen and 13 disabled members of our armed forces and their families, as 14 well as to honor all of our veterans and honor their 15 sacrifices; and

16 WHEREAS, Tee it Up for the Troops has raised over 17 \$1,000,000, which has been donated to military family support 18 programs across the country since 2005; in 2008, over 25 19 various programs were helped through Tee it Up for the Troops, 20 providing scholarships, transportation, clothing, lodging, 21 sports activities, and kids programs, among many other SR0249 -2- LRB096 12592 GRL 25910 r services; in addition, over 40,000 golf balls, along with clubs, netting, and mats have been sent to the troops overseas, where they have created their own driving ranges and golf holes; and

5 WHEREAS, The Friday closest to September 11th has been 6 designated by Tee it Up for the Troops, Inc. as the "National 7 Day of Golf" to salute all those that have answered the call of 8 duty; and

9 WHEREAS, On August 31, 2009, the First Annual Tee it Up for 10 the Troops Central Illinois Golf Classic will be held to 11 support the Wounded Warrior Project, as well as families of Illinois servicemen and servicewomen that 12 Central are 13 currently serving and facing financial challenges as a result 14 of their serving; the event will also establish 10 scholarships 15 for children of financially challenged veterans; therefore, be 16 it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL 18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date 19 of September 11, 2009 as "Tee it Up for the Troops Day" in the 20 State of Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 22 presented to Tee it Up for the Troops, Inc. as a symbol of our SR0249

1 esteem and respect.