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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan began following
3 the attacks on United States soil on September 11, 2001; and
4 the members of the Illinois House of Representatives are proud
5 to honor the men and women who serve, and have served, in our
6 nations' armed forces; and

7 WHEREAS, The war on terror represents a global military,
8 political, legal, and ideological struggle against
9 organizations designated as terrorists or presented as posing a
10 threat to the United States and its allies; and

11 WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois National Guard, the United
12 States Air Force, the United States Navy, the United States
13 Army, and the United States Marines have served in Iraq and
14 Afghanistan with the goal of defeating terrorist organizations
15 and defending United States citizens at home and abroad; and

16 WHEREAS, The war in Afghanistan, "Operation Enduring
17 Freedom", consisted of 3 phases: toppling the Taliban,
18 rebuilding the Afghan state, and a turn to counterinsurgency
19 whereby United States forces protected the population from
20 Taliban attacks and supported efforts to reintegrate
21 insurgents into Afghan society; and

1 WHEREAS, The war in Iraq, "Operation Iraqi Freedom",
2 consisted of 2 phases: a brief, conventionally fought war in
3 which United States forces invaded Iraq and rapidly defeated
4 Iraqi military, and a longer phase in which a U.S. led
5 occupation of Iraq was opposed by an increasingly intensive
6 armed insurgency; and

7 WHEREAS, One hundred and fifty-eight Illinois residents
8 have lost their lives in the war in Iraq and 79 Illinois
9 residents lost their lives in the war in Afghanistan; and

10 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
11 Representatives are proud to honor the men and women who serve,
12 and have served, in our nations' armed forces; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we declare April 18, 2012 as Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans
16 Remembrance Day in the State of Illinois as a way of
17 remembering the men and women from Illinois who bravely served
18 in the those wars.