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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Army National Guard, the Air National Guard,
3 the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Navy Reserve, the
4 Marine Corps Reserve, and the Coast Guard Reserve constitute a
5 vital and ever more important part of our nation's defense; and

6 WHEREAS, Members of the National Guard and Reserve are
7 "Citizen Warriors" who lead dual lives as workers, managers,
8 professionals, and students throughout our communities; as
9 members of our nation's armed forces, they train and maintain
10 their military skills so they can answer the call to serve in
11 military security operations at home and abroad as well, as
12 provide humanitarian aid at home; and

13 WHEREAS, On June 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon
14 authorized the Secretary of Defense to create the National
15 Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)
16 and the Department of Defense established the Illinois
17 Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; and

18 WHEREAS, For 40 years, ESGR has promoted and facilitated a
19 strong culture of mutually-beneficial relationships between
20 employers and their military employees, thereby enabling
21 members of the Guard and Reserve to respond quickly to state
22 disaster emergencies and national military necessities, while

1 knowing that they have a secure civilian career after their
2 service; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate June 22,
5 2012 as National and Illinois Committee for Employer Support of
6 the Guard and Reserve Day and gratefully acknowledge the 40th
7 anniversary of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
8 and especially the Illinois Committee of Employer Support of
9 the Guard and Reserve, and thank the organization and its
10 volunteer members for their outstanding service to our State's
11 employers and their employee members of the National Guard and
12 Reserve; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and
15 the Illinois Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and
16 Reserve.