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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On April 23, 1908, Congress authorized a Medical  
3 Reserve Corps-a reserve force of civilian medical officers who  
4 could be ordered to active duty by the Secretary of War during  
5 a time of national emergency to save the lives of American  
6 soldiers on the battlefield; and

7           WHEREAS, What began as a strategic reserve force of 160  
8 physicians in the 20th century, is now a 21st century  
9 operational force with an authorized end strength of 200,950  
10 U.S. Army Reserve soldiers, including over 6,680 U.S. Army  
11 Reserve soldiers in 30 locations in the State of Illinois; and

12           WHEREAS, The U.S. Army Reserve has responded with honor and  
13 valor to the call of the nation in times of need with over  
14 12,000 Army Reserve soldiers now serving overseas; and

15           WHEREAS, The families and employers of the soldiers also  
16 contribute greatly to their success; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we proclaim April 23, 2013, as United States Army Reserve Day  
20 in the State of Illinois, honor our past and current  
21 citizen-soldiers for their service, and thank the friends,

1 neighbors, and employees of the U.S. Army Reserve.