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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize and commend United States
4 Army Staff Sergeant James J. Coffey for 20 years of
5 distinguished service to our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant James Coffey joined the United
7 States Army on December 20, 1993 and will retire effective
8 December 20, 2013; he began his military career in Fort
9 Campbell, Kentucky, where he served in active duty for 26
10 months; in 1996, he joined the Illinois National Guard, where
11 he served with the 3637th Maintenance Company at Camp Lincoln
12 in Springfield; he also served as a Combat Engineer with the
13 HSC 766th Engineer Battalion in Decatur; and

14 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant James Coffey served in Operation
15 Iraqi Freedom from February 25, 2004 to February 17, 2005 and
16 Operation Enduring Freedom from December 5, 2008 to September
17 24, 2009; he has also assisted in operations during Hurricane
18 Katrina in 2005 and the Mississippi River Flood in 2008 and has
19 participated in annual trainings in Germany and Korea; and

20 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant James Coffey is a well-liked and
21 deeply respected person; he has been the recipient of many
22 medals and badges, including the Iraq Campaign Medal, the

1 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the
2 Combat Action Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Army
3 Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War
4 on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the
5 Overseas Service Ribbon, and several others; and

6 WHEREAS, As a highly regarded member of our armed forces,
7 Staff Sergeant James Coffey has served our nation well with
8 honor and distinction; the sacrifices made by him on behalf of
9 all citizens are exemplary and worthy of our utmost gratitude
10 and respect; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize and commend Staff Sergeant James J. Coffey, an
14 Illinoisan in whom we take great pride, for his 20 years of
15 distinguished and dedicated service to the United States Army
16 and our nation; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Staff Sergeant James Coffey as a symbol of our
19 esteem and respect.