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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On June 19, 2004, the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial was dedicated commemorating the servicemen and women who have lost their lives in worldwide conflicts since 1979; and

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WHEREAS, The project was conceived by Jerry Kuczera and Tony Cutrano; it was built with donated material and labor and is the first of its kind in the history of the United States to give honor to fallen soldiers by name while the conflict is ongoing; and

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WHEREAS, The names on the wall represent fallen heroes from such diverse locations as Panama, Lebanon, the Balkans, Grenada, Somalia, Hati, the USS Cole, the USS Stark, terrorist attacks in Italy, Greece, and Scotland, and the current conflicts in the Middle East; and

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WHEREAS, The Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial is located along the Illinois River in Marseilles; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate June 21, 2014 as Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial Day in honor of those who have fallen in the War on Terror.

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