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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2016, the United States Army Field
3 Band and Soldiers' Chorus will be featured at the Benton Civic
4 Center, honoring Southern Illinois by making their only
5 scheduled stop in the area; and

6 WHEREAS, As the principal concert band from our nation's
7 capital, and as the musical ambassadors of the army, the Army
8 Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus is made up of our nation's
9 finest and bravest combined to present a premier musical
10 experience; and

11 WHEREAS, Founded in 1946 and 1957 respectively, both
12 ensembles present concerts on their national tours and have
13 performed in all 50 states and 30 foreign countries for
14 millions of people; and

15 WHEREAS, The veterans groups and community leaders who have
16 worked together to bring the ensemble to Benton should be
17 commended; and

18 WHEREAS, Southern Illinois is honored to have them perform
19 at this community concert as part of the program entitled
20 "Southern Illinois Salute to Our Nation's Veterans, featuring
21 the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus"; and

1 WHEREAS, All of the brave men and women who serve our
2 country deserve recognition, and the concert will be held in
3 the spirit of paying tribute to those who have sacrificed so
4 much for their country; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
7 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare March 26, 2016 as
8 "Southern Illinois Veterans Awareness Day", and we extend our
9 best wishes to those performing and thank them and all veterans
10 for their service and bravery to our country; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 presented to the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers'
13 Chorus, and the veterans groups and community leaders who made
14 this event possible.