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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The history of combat infantrymen traces back  
3 before the beginning of recorded history, and they continue to  
4 serve a vital role today; and

5 WHEREAS, Combat infantrymen have served the United States  
6 in numerous wars since the 1700s; and

7 WHEREAS, The infantryman is the basic combat soldier and  
8 the backbone of the United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, There have been numerous special types of infantry  
10 units whose organizations and equipment differ from regular  
11 infantry divisions, such as parachute and glider infantry,  
12 mountain infantry, and armored infantry; and

13 WHEREAS, During basic training for the military, men and  
14 women learn the job of an infantryman in a squad to better  
15 protect their lives and the lives of many others; the  
16 infantryman must endure long periods of exposure to weather,  
17 eat his food cold, go long periods without sleeping or bathing,  
18 and may fight for months, unharmed, while his comrades are  
19 killed or wounded one by one; and

20 WHEREAS, The job of an infantryman is one of the toughest

1 is in war, as they do the toughest fighting over the longest  
2 period of time; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date  
5 of October 27, 2015 as Combat Infantryman Day in the State of  
6 Illinois and urge all Illinoisans to observe and pay tribute to  
7 all infantryman who have served our country, both past and  
8 present.