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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The war in Afghanistan and the use of the United States Armed Forces was necessary at the time following the attacks on 9/11; and

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WHEREAS, Our troops have performed magnificently and heroically in their pursuit of terrorists; and

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WHEREAS, United States Armed Forces have helped secure the new government in Afghanistan; and

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WHEREAS, The people of the United States have indicated that this war has gone on long enough; and

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WHEREAS, Many American service personnel have lost their lives, and many more have been wounded, in Afghanistan, and the American people will always honor their sacrifices and honor their families; and

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WHEREAS, Billions of dollars have been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction in Afghanistan, and Illinois residents' share now exceeds \$2.1 billion; those funds could be going to much-needed infrastructure, education, and capital programs; therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the State of Illinois,  
3 on behalf of its citizens, salutes and supports the dedicated  
4 service of the members of the United States Armed Forces,  
5 including members of the Illinois National Guard; and be it  
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7           RESOLVED, That on behalf of the citizens of Illinois, the  
8 Senate believes that it is not in the national interest of the  
9 United States to deepen its military involvement in  
10 Afghanistan, particularly by escalating the United States  
11 military force presence in Afghanistan; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the primary objective of United States  
13 strategy in Afghanistan should be to have the Afghani political  
14 leaders make the political compromises necessary to end the  
15 violence in Afghanistan; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That greater concerted regional and  
17 international support would assist the Afghanis in achieving a  
18 political solution and national reconciliation; and be it  
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20           RESOLVED, That the United States should engage nations in  
21 the Middle East to develop a regional, internationally

1 sponsored peace and reconciliation process for Afghanistan;  
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the United States should transfer, under an  
4 appropriately expedited timeline, responsibility for internal  
5 security and halting sectarian violence in Afghanistan to the  
6 Government of Afghanistan and Afghani Security Forces from  
7 American military personnel; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Department of Defense and the Veterans  
9 Administration must provide the highest quality of care to our  
10 American heroes wounded and injured in Afghanistan; and be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution shall be  
13 sent to George W. Bush, President of the United States, Senator  
14 Barack Obama, President-elect, the members of the Illinois  
15 Congressional delegations for both the 110th Congress  
16 (2007-2009) and the 111th Congress (2009-2011), the Speaker of  
17 the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader  
18 of the United States House of Representatives, the President  
19 Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and the Minority  
20 Leader of the United States Senate.