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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor United States Army Master
4 Sergeant Shawn Gibson for her military service; and

5 WHEREAS, MSG Shawn Gibson is a native of North Chicago; she
6 graduated from North Chicago Community High School in North
7 Chicago in 1981; she subsequently earned her associates of
8 science degree from Kaplan University, with an emphasis in
9 human services and child and family welfare; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1982, MSG Shawn Gibson moved to Waukegan; she
11 enlisted in the United States Army on January 25, 1983; after
12 graduating from basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and
13 Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, she was
14 designated an Automated Logistics Specialist; and

15 WHEREAS, During her military career, MSG Shawn Gibson was
16 placed on numerous assignments in many locations throughout the
17 world, including Fort Stewart, Georgia, the Conn Barracks in
18 Schweinfurt, Germany, Camp Hialeah in Pusan, Korea, Fort Lee,
19 Virginia, Panzer Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Fort
20 Bragg, North Carolina, and Bamberg, Germany; she also spent 15
21 months in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from July
22 of 2008 to October of 2009; and

1 WHEREAS, In January of 2011, MSG Shawn Gibson assumed
2 duties as the Materiel Support Branch Non-Commissioned Officer
3 in Charge of the Distribution Management Center of the US Army
4 Sustainment Command at Rock Island Arsenal; and

5 WHEREAS, MSG Shawn Gibson has been the recipient of
6 numerous awards and decorations for her service, including the
7 Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the
8 Army Achievement Medal, 9 Army Good Conduct Medals, 2 National
9 Defense Service Medals, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the
10 Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service
11 Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army NCO
12 Professional Development Ribbon w/ numeral 3, the Army Service
13 Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon w/ numeral 6, the Drill
14 Sergeant Instructor Badge, and the Distinguished Order of Saint
15 Martin; she also received numerous coins and certificates for
16 singing the National Anthem and narrating for high visibility
17 ceremonies; and

18 WHEREAS, MSG Shawn Gibson was the Army Sustainment
19 Command's Nominee for the Congressional Caucus for Women's
20 Issues 2011; she was the recipient of resolutions from the
21 Mayors of Waukegan and North Chicago for being an outstanding
22 and heroic member of their communities; she was designated the
23 2005 First Installation Military Idol at Fort Lee, Virginia;

1 she was inducted as an Alumnus of the Office of the
2 Quartermaster General; she also served as an Army Family Action
3 Committee Delegate 2010 and 2011 at the Rock Island Arsenal and
4 is a Life Member of the prestigious United States Army Corps of
5 Quartermasters; and

6 WHEREAS, MSG Shawn Gibson is retiring from the United
7 States Army after 29 years of honorable military service; she
8 is currently employed at the Rock Island Arsenal as a
9 contractor with Veteran Solutions Incorporated; she is the
10 mother of 2 children, Devante' and Jaylen; and

11 WHEREAS, MSG Shawn Gibson serves as a model of hard work,
12 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
13 Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we honor United States Army Master Sergeant Shawn Gibson for
17 her military service and wish her continued success and
18 happiness in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to MSG Shawn Gibson as a symbol of our esteem and
21 respect.