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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes is a national nonprofit
3 organization dedicated to recognizing, honoring, and
4 supporting high school seniors who have chosen to enlist in
5 the Armed Forces of the United States immediately following
6 graduation; and

7 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes was founded by educator and
8 former United States Army officer Dr. Kenneth Hartman in 2009
9 to provide enlistees and their parents with guidance,
10 information, resources, and meaningful community support
11 during the transition from civilian life to military service;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Each year, thousands of high school seniors
14 across the United States make the honorable decision to enlist
15 in the Armed Forces, including the United States Army, Navy,
16 Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force,
17 demonstrating courage, discipline, and an unwavering
18 commitment to duty; and

19 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes serves enlistees by
20 providing recognition and resources that assist in their
21 successful transition into military service, ensuring they are
22 celebrated and supported by their communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes also serves parents,
2 guardians, and families by offering information, connection,
3 and encouragement as they support their sons and daughters
4 during this important life transition; and

5 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes Chicagoland has
6 demonstrated exceptional leadership in Illinois by hosting
7 Enlistee Recognition Ceremonies that bring together more than
8 70 high school enlistees and their families, along with
9 educators, veterans, and community partners, to ensure that
10 those who choose Active, Guard, and Reserve military service
11 are recognized, supported, and connected to a strong local
12 network from the moment they enlist; and

13 WHEREAS, Our Community Salutes Chicagoland strengthens
14 military family support systems across the region by fostering
15 connections among enlistees, families, and veteran and
16 community organizations, ensuring support continues beyond the
17 ceremony; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend and
20 recognize Our Community Salutes for its outstanding service in
21 honoring high school military enlistees and supporting their
22 families and communities; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Our Community Salutes as a symbol of our esteem
3 and respect.