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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, More than 500,000 American men and women, wearing the uniforms of the United States armed forces, have paid the supreme sacrifice while in the service of their country; and

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WHEREAS, After the conclusion of the American Civil War, the two sides in the conflict, North and South together, joined hands to create a national sacred day of remembrance in honor of those who had fallen; and

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WHEREAS, Through the organizational work of General John A. Logan, born in Murphysboro, Memorial Day became an official United States holiday, observed annually on the 4th Monday in May; and

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WHEREAS, Almost every American family and almost every family in Illinois bears upon the rolls of its heart the name or names of one or more individual soldiers who have fallen for America in war and in combat; and

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WHEREAS, In 2018, American men and women continue to serve in uniform in active combat zones around the world, especially, but not limited to, the Global War on Terror in numerous countries, including Afghanistan; and

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1           WHEREAS, The supreme sacrifice continues to be made by  
2 patriotic young Americans of all 50 states, including Illinois,  
3 who give their lives for the freedom and future of their fellow  
4 Americans; and

5           WHEREAS, In grateful recognition of these sacrifices, on  
6 Memorial Day the people of Illinois gather in places of  
7 religious worship, town squares, and places of burial  
8 throughout our State to remember and honor the fallen; and

9           WHEREAS, In recognition of these gatherings, most  
10 employers and supervisors throughout Illinois grant their  
11 employees and contractors an annual day of remembrance each  
12 Memorial Day to enable these individuals to join their families  
13 and take part in this annual sacred duty; and

14           WHEREAS, Despite this sacred custom, the current schedule  
15 of the Illinois House of Representatives calls for us to  
16 conduct secular business on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018, when we  
17 ought to be home with our families and our communities,  
18 reaffirming the sacred bonds that tie us together as Americans;  
19 therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 pledge our eagerness to work tirelessly here in Springfield

1 during the third full week of May 2018 to complete the work of  
2 the people of Illinois prior to Memorial Day; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That we urge the Speaker of the Illinois House of  
4 Representatives to recess the House for the duration of  
5 Memorial Day, May 28, 2018, and not to call us back into  
6 session until the completion of this day of American  
7 remembrance and the completion of the sacred duties of this  
8 day; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Speaker of the Illinois House of  
11 Representatives.