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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Command Sergeant Major Dena D. Ballowe for her military service; and

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WHEREAS, CSM Ballowe was selected as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Illinois National Guard on July 1, 2019; she advises the Adjutant General on the training, management, and well-being of the Illinois National Guard's 13,000 Soldiers and Airmen; and

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WHEREAS, CSM Ballowe enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1991 as a Material Control and Accounting Specialist; she attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Virginia; she was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007 and to Kuwait in 2014 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

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WHEREAS, CSM Ballowe has held multiple leadership positions throughout her career; she was selected to be the Command Sergeant Major for the 232nd Combat Service Support Battalion in 2016; most recently, she was selected as the Command Sergeant Major for the 6th Battalion, 54th Security Forces Assistance Brigade (SFAB) at the Rock Island Arsenal; and

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1 WHEREAS, CSM Ballowe's awards and decorations include the
2 Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army
3 Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement
4 Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Good Conduct Medal, the
5 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf
6 Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (1 Service Star),
7 the Humanitarian Service Medal (1 Service Star), the Global
8 War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal
9 (M Device and Numeral 2), the Meritorious Unit Citation Medal
10 2nd, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), the
11 Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 4),
12 the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Army Reserve Component Overseas
13 Training Ribbon (Numeral 5), the Drivers/Mechanic Badge, and
14 numerous awards and decorations from the Illinois National
15 Guard; and

16 WHEREAS, CSM Ballowe's professional education includes an
17 associate's degree of science in real estate management from
18 the American Military University in Charles Town, West
19 Virginia; she graduated from multiple military courses,
20 including the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, the
21 Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Basic
22 Noncommissioned Officer Course, and the Primary Leadership
23 Development Course; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we wish to recognize Command Sergeant Major Dena D. Ballowe
4 for her service, and we wish her the best in all her future
5 endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to CSM Ballowe as a symbol of our respect and esteem.