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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can occur
3 after a person experiences trauma, including, but not limited
4 to, the stress of combat, abuse, accidents, and natural
5 disasters and affects approximately eight million adults in
6 the United States annually; and

7 WHEREAS, The brave men and women of the United States
8 Armed Forces, who proudly serve the nation and risk their
9 lives to protect our freedom, deserve the investment of every
10 possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental,
11 and emotional well-being; and

12 WHEREAS, Combat-related PTSD stress among our men and
13 women in the Armed Forces is significantly pronounced, given
14 that they are often exposed to highly traumatic events for
15 weeks, months, and even years; and

16 WHEREAS, Between 10% and 30% of service members will
17 develop PTSD within a year of leaving combat, while others may
18 not develop symptoms until years later; and

19 WHEREAS, Despite its treatability, many cases of PTSD
20 remain undiagnosed and untreated due to a lack of awareness of
21 this condition and the persistent stigma associated with

1 mental health conditions; and

2 WHEREAS, Raising awareness of this condition is necessary
3 to remove the stigma and to encourage those suffering to seek
4 proper and timely treatment that may save their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, All citizens suffering from PTSD deserve our
6 consideration and those who are affected by PTSD from wounds
7 received while protecting our freedom, deserve our respect and
8 special honor; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare June 27,
12 2024 as Illinois PTSD Awareness Day to be observed throughout
13 the State as a day of awareness and recognition of how
14 post-traumatic stress disorder affects the lives of those
15 impacted by it.