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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Overseas service men and women are fighting for
3 our rights as citizens to live in a free democratic society;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Voting is a right of all citizens of the United
6 States, including those who are serving to protect our way of
7 life and way of government; and

8 WHEREAS, Overseas military voters had less than half of
9 their votes counted in the 2006 general election; and

10 WHEREAS, Of the 119,000 military personnel stationed
11 outside the United States who cast a ballot in 2006, only
12 57,000 - less than 48 percent - had their votes successfully
13 cast or counted; and

14 WHEREAS, Election Assistance Commission studies have shown
15 major discrepancies on the ballot delivery side, with 72
16 percent of those who failed to vote never receiving any of
17 their requested election materials; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 steps should be taken to require that the Secretary of Defense

1 implement improved ballot collection and delivery methods for
2 elections for federal offices; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Congress to
4 approve the Military Voting Protection Act of 2008 by passing
5 House Bill 5673; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
7 the Illinois Congressional Delegation, Senator Dick Durbin,
8 Senator Barack Obama, the President pro tempore of the U.S.
9 Senate, and the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.