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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States Navy has a proud tradition of
3 service dating back to the Revolutionary War, when the
4 Continental Congress created the Continental Navy to fight on
5 the seas for our nation's independence; following the
6 dissolution of the Continental Navy, the Founding Fathers gave
7 Congress the right to create a navy through the United States
8 Constitution, which culminated in the creation of the Naval Act
9 of 1794 and the launching of the first United States warships
10 in 1797; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Navy has been deployed in all of
12 the United States' great conflicts, fighting for our nation
13 during the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I, World War
14 II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm,
15 and the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; the U.S.
16 Navy also performs humanitarian missions throughout the world,
17 helping those in need without pride or prejudice; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Navy is known throughout the
19 world for its strength, courage, and compassion; notable
20 commanders in the United States Navy, including John Paul
21 Jones, Oliver Hazard Perry, and Chester Nimitz, serve as role
22 models to naval officers and citizens around the world; and

1 WHEREAS, In a world fraught with peril, the United States
2 Navy and its thousands of courageous men and women in uniform
3 stand ready to defend the United States and its interests
4 through its overwhelming force and commitment to their nation
5 and its citizens; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 designate the week of April 20-26, 2009 as "Navy Week" in the
9 State of Illinois in honor of this fine institution and its
10 many dedicated men and women in uniform; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Acting Secretary of the Navy BJ Penn as a symbol
13 of our esteem and respect.