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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm occurred 2 3 from August 2, 1990 to February 28, 1991 in the Middle East; 4 and 5 WHEREAS, Ten Army, 8 Navy, and 5 Air Force National Guard 6 and Reserve units stationed in Illinois were deployed to the 7 Middle East in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; 8 and 9 WHEREAS, Thousands of active duty military personnel from 10 Illinois, stationed all over the world, served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in all branches of the United States 11 12 Armed Forces; and 13 WHEREAS, Fourteen veterans from Illinois gave their lives 14 during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; and 15 WHEREAS, On December 19, 2014, the National Desert Storm 16 War Memorial Committee received congressional and executive 17 approval to build a National Desert Storm War Memorial in

Washington, D.C., to honor the veterans from Illinois and the

nation who were killed in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm;

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 1 THE

2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

recognize and show our support for the future National Desert

Storm War Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we designate the date of February 28, 2015 as Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm Day in the State of 6 7 Illinois and urge the citizens of this State to honor those

Illinois veterans who gave their lives serving their country

9 during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.