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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 35th anniversary of
4 Illinois State University's ROTC Redbird Battalion program;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Redbird Battalion was founded in 1981; it now
7 has partnerships with Illinois Wesleyan (IWU) and Bradley
8 universities; there are currently 101 cadets, including 12 from
9 Bradley and four from IWU; and

10 WHEREAS, Redbird Battalion cadets are highly visible as
11 Color Guard during the Homecoming parade, or as participants in
12 Bloomington-Normal fundraisers, including the Polar Plunge,
13 the Relay for Life, and the We Care Half-Marathon; and

14 WHEREAS, The current Redbird Battalion Commander is
15 Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Bender and the President is Dr. Larry
16 Dietz; and

17 WHEREAS, 2016 is the 100th anniversary of the United States
18 Army Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

19 WHEREAS, The Redbird Battalion will welcome back many of
20 its 400-plus alumni at a special 35th anniversary dinner on May

1 5, 2016 at the Hancock Stadium Club; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 recognize the 35th anniversary of the Illinois State
5 University's ROTC Redbird Battalion program and wish them many
6 more successful years; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the Redbird Battalion as a symbol of our respect
9 and esteem.