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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Cold War consisted of the rivalry between the  
3 United States and the Soviet Union that developed after World  
4 War II, representing the competing economic, political, and  
5 social values of their nations and their respective allies;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, The Cold War involved hundreds of military  
8 exercises and operations that occurred between September 2,  
9 1945 and December 26, 1991; and

10           WHEREAS, Millions of Americans valiantly stood watch as  
11 members of the Armed Forces during the Cold War; and

12           WHEREAS, The Cold War was permeated by an atmosphere of  
13 fear over the potential use of nuclear weapons on a scale that  
14 would annihilate humanity; and

15           WHEREAS, During the Cold War, the men and women of the  
16 Armed Forces used their training, expertise, and restraint to  
17 prevent escalation of nuclear tensions and to protect America  
18 and the world from nuclear war; and

19           WHEREAS, Many Americans sacrificed their lives in  
20 conflicts during the Cold War in the cause of defending

1 democracy and promoting world peace and stability; and

2 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to remember the many sacrifices  
3 and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the  
4 outstanding men and women who served in the Armed Forces  
5 during the Cold War; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we declare December 26, 2023 and December 26, 2024 as Cold War  
9 Veterans Recognition Day in honor of the contributions and  
10 sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces during the Cold  
11 War; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we encourage Cold War Veterans Recognition  
13 Day to be observed with appropriate activities, programs, and  
14 services.