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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of WWII
4 Veteran, father, and businessman David Carrolton Baker of
5 Champaign on Wednesday, March 5, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, He entered military service on October 14, 1943,
7 during a time when the U.S. was building up for WWII; he was
8 sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to receive his basic training for
9 a Military Operation Specialty of Intelligence; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon completion of his basic training, he was
11 assigned to HQ Battalion 7 Armed Field Artillery B in
12 preparation for Operation Overlord, which would be forever
13 known in history as D-Day; and

14 WHEREAS, Corporal David Carrolton Baker served three years
15 with this Battalion in the European Theater before his
16 Honorable Discharge on December 16, 1946; and

17 WHEREAS, He was a respected member of society because of
18 his exceptional skills as a bricklayer and carpenter in the
19 City of Champaign; he was a member of his local American Legion
20 and a respected businessman; and

21 WHEREAS, Those who new David best note his extraordinary
22 humor, honesty, and integrity, and how those traits made
23 positive impacts on the lives around him; he will forever be
24 known by those he touched as a blueprint on how to live a happy
25 life; and

26 WHEREAS, His survivors include his daughters, Leann and
27 Phyllis, and son, Lester "Butch" John, who bore him eight
28 grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, of whom he
29 spoke fondly of to all he would encounter; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Corporal David Carrolton Baker, who was
4 a hero, father, businessman, and beloved friend to many, and we
5 extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who
6 knew and loved him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest
9 condolences.