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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former  
4 United States Representative Lane Evans, who passed away on  
5 November 5, 2014; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans was born on August 4,  
7 1951; and

8           WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans was a graduate of  
9 Alleman High School in Rock Island; he subsequently earned  
10 degrees from Augustana College and Georgetown University Law  
11 Center; and

12           WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans served his country with  
13 distinction in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 to  
14 1977; during his stint in the military, he was posted in the  
15 United States and in Okinawa, Japan; and

16           WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans served the citizens of  
17 the 17th Congressional District with pride as a member of the  
18 United States House of Representatives from 1982 to 2006;  
19 during his career as a Representative, he became well known by  
20 his constituents and peers as a man of the people who cared  
21 deeply for the well-being of his fellow veterans; and

1           WHEREAS, As a ranking member of the House Committee on  
2 Veterans' Affairs, Representative Lane Evans advocated for  
3 veterans of the Vietnam War who were exposed to Agent Orange  
4 and helped them to receive compensation for their exposure to  
5 the chemical agents; he led efforts to increase funding for  
6 various veteran assistance programs and was among the first  
7 members of Congress to take on issues like post-traumatic  
8 stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, which have affected  
9 many veterans of the Iraq War; he also championed numerous  
10 other initiatives, including legislation to ban landmines and  
11 the fight to keep the Rock Island Arsenal open, and was lauded  
12 for his votes against the North American Free Trade Agreement,  
13 the Gulf War, and the Iraq War; and

14           WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans is survived by his 3  
15 brothers; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of  
19 former United States Representative Lane Evans; and be it  
20 further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Representative Lane Evans as an

1 expression of our sympathy.