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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the legacy of Colonel Robert
4 R. McCormick of the U.S. Army on the occasion of the U.S.
5 Army's 250th birthday on June 14, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel McCormick served his community, the State
7 of Illinois, and the United States of America for more than 50
8 years, inspiring hope and pride within his fellow citizens and
9 exemplifying the citizen-soldier; and

10 WHEREAS, Colonel McCormick served as a major while
11 carrying out regimental duties in the Illinois National
12 Guard's 1st Illinois Cavalry in 1916 as part of the Army's
13 expedition against Mexican rebel Pancho Villa, whose forces
14 had killed 17 Americans in Columbus, New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, Colonel McCormick served as the commander of the
16 U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 5th Field
17 Artillery Regiment, providing vital support and leading to the
18 first American victory in the Battle of Cantigny during World
19 War I; and

20 WHEREAS, As the publisher of the Chicago Tribune, Colonel
21 McCormick ensured that his employees who served with the U.S.

1 Army were able to retain their jobs, setting an example for
2 patriotic employers of citizen-soldiers; and

3 WHEREAS, Colonel McCormick also supported freedom and
4 democracy through his tireless efforts to protect First
5 Amendment rights and the freedom of the press; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel McCormick established the McCormick
7 Foundation and the First Division Museum at Cantigny, both of
8 which continue to provide support for service members,
9 veterans, and their families and stand as permanent symbols of
10 patriotism, heroism, and the American spirit; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize the legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick of the
14 U.S. Army for his service to the State of Illinois and the
15 United States of America in honor of the U.S. Army's 250th
16 anniversary; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the First Division Museum at Cantigny as a symbol
19 of our esteem and respect.