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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are proud to recognize those citizens who  
4 served our nation with honor, lived lives of dedication to  
5 their families and communities, and earned their final resting  
6 place among our country's heroes; and

7 WHEREAS, Ernest Nicholas Schroeder was born in La Crosse,  
8 Wisconsin on July 13, 1907; he earned his Bachelor of Arts from  
9 the University of Iowa, and he subsequently taught high school  
10 and coached football and basketball before answering the call  
11 to military duty; and

12 WHEREAS, During World War II, Ernest Schroeder proudly  
13 served as an officer in the United States Navy, completing  
14 three and a half years of active duty in the Pacific Theater;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Following his distinguished military service,  
17 Ernest Schroeder built a successful 30-year career in the  
18 pharmaceutical industry as national field sales manager for  
19 Cutter Laboratories; and; and

20 WHEREAS, At age 66, Ernest Schroeder married his beloved  
21 second wife, Carolyn; he embraced fatherhood with immense joy

1 and devotion, notably becoming the first father to serve as a  
2 "room mother" at his children's elementary school; and

3 WHEREAS, Carolyn Ann Schroeder was born to Carl and Edna  
4 Stopher in Wheeling, Illinois on March 16, 1943; she dedicated  
5 her professional life to nursing and retail management while  
6 remaining devoted to her family; and

7 WHEREAS, Ernest and Carolyn Schroeder shared 33 wonderful  
8 years of marriage that were filled with deep love, shared  
9 passions, and devotion to their children, Jeffrey and  
10 Elizabeth, and their grandson, Donovan; and

11 WHEREAS, Following the passing of Ernest Schroeder on July  
12 15, 2006, at the age of 99, and Carolyn Schroeder on December  
13 7, 2019, at the age of 76, their legacy of sacrifice, service,  
14 and devotion continues to inspire all who knew them; and

15 WHEREAS, In recognition of his honorable service in the  
16 United States Navy during World War II, Ernest and Carolyn  
17 Schroeder are to be laid to rest together at Arlington  
18 National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia on July 27, 2026;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we honor the life and military service of World War II Navy  
2 veteran Ernest Nicholas Schroeder and the devotion of his  
3 wife, Carolyn Ann Schroeder; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we express our utmost respect as Ernest and  
5 Carolyn Schroeder are reburied and laid to eternal rest  
6 together at Arlington National Cemetery; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Ernest and Carolyn Schroeder as an  
9 expression of our esteem.