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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John
4 Leroy Moon of Macomb, who passed away on October 29, 2019 at
5 the age of 103; and

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WHEREAS, John Moon was born in Macomb to Frank and Sarah
7 (Breckenmaker) Moon on April 3, 1916; he graduated from Macomb
8 High School in 1934 and received his Bachelor of Science in
9 Chemistry from Western Illinois University in 1939; he married
10 N. Beatrice "Bee" Nichols in London Mills on August 31, 1940;
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WHEREAS, John Moon enlisted in the United States Marine
13 Corps on December 29, 1943, shortly after the bombing of Pearl
14 Harbor; upon completion of his training and boot camp at Camp
15 Pendleton, California, he was deployed to Iwo Jima as part of
16 the 5th Marine Division; on February 19, 1945, he landed on the
17 beaches at Iwo Jima as part of the invasion and fought until he
18 was wounded; he was awarded a Purple Heart for his bravery and
19 was discharged on September 25, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, John Moon enjoyed many careers in Macomb,
21 including running two restaurants, the S&J Cafe and Andies
22 Candies Restaurant, both located on the town square; he also

1 worked as a carpenter and a school bus driver and sold life
2 insurance; his last career was teaching driver education at
3 Macomb High School for approximately ten years; even at the age
4 of 103, he still had students thanking him for teaching them
5 how to drive; and

6 WHEREAS, John Moon was active in his community; he belonged
7 to a number of organizations, including the Optimist Club, the
8 Masons, the Rotary, the VFW, the American Legion, and the
9 Kiwanis; he served as an alderman on the Macomb City Council
10 and was a lifelong member of the Wesley United Methodist
11 Church, where he sang in the choir and was known for many years
12 as the driver of the "church car", taking the elderly to
13 services every Sunday; he also enjoyed bowling on the senior
14 league at College City Bowl; and

15 WHEREAS, At the age of 101, John Moon was accompanied by
16 his son, David, and his daughter, Jeanine, on the Greater
17 Peoria Honor Flight; he was recognized as the oldest veteran to
18 have flown; at the time of his passing, he was believed to be
19 the oldest surviving Marine from the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

20 WHEREAS, John Moon was preceded in death by his wife, Bee;
21 his parents; his son, Paul Moon; his grandson, Brian Moon; his
22 brothers, Lewis, Norris, Francis, and Howard Moon; and his
23 sisters, Margaret Eyman, Garnet Burnham, Mildred Corzine, Ruth

1 Lowenstein, and Dorothy Trotter; and

2 WHEREAS, John Moon is survived by his children, David Moon
3 and Jeanine (Michael) Sullivan; his daughter-in-law, Karen
4 Moon; his grandchildren, Lori (Bruce) Mulkey, Michael (Paula)
5 Moon, Heather (Ruben) Flores, Sarah Sullivan, and Brady
6 Sullivan; his great-grandchildren, Justin (Krista) Mulkey,
7 Travis Mulkey, Jennifer Moon, Ava Moon, and Chloe Moon; and his
8 great-great-grandchildren, Waylon Mulkey, Raegan Moon, and
9 Aiden Moon; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of John Leroy Moon and extend our sincere
13 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
14 him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of John Moon as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.