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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the passing of Lt. Col. Richard Eldon Maxwell; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Maxwell was born in Portland, Indiana on June 11, 1931 and moved to Nashville, Tennessee at a young age; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Maxwell graduated from East Nashville High School in 1950 and Tennessee Tech University in 1955; he joined the U.S. Air Force and entered navigator school at Ellington Air Force Base in Houston, Texas as a 2nd Lieutenant; he was discharged in 1958 and subsequently joined the Tennessee Air National Guard in Nashville, where he was promoted to Major; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Maxwell earned his Master Navigator designation and the rank of Lt. Colonel; he became an Air Force ROTC Liaison Officer and qualified more ROTC scholarships to the University of Illinois than any other liaison officer, as well as five cadets who qualified for the Air Force Academy; he was awarded the Distinguished Service Ribbon, the Vietnam Gallantry Ribbon with Palm, and the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

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1 WHEREAS, Richard Maxwell maintained a successful career
2 outside of his military service at the Royal Insurance Company
3 in Nashville; he earned the Man of the Year Award in 1968 and
4 was rated the number one state agent in the U.S.; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Maxwell continued his career at Royal
6 Insurance in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, where he was named
7 marketing manager in 1972 and developed Royal's first
8 commercial mass marketing program; he was ultimately appointed
9 to the Board of Directors in 1974; he later joined Roanoke
10 Brokerage Services Inc. as the Director of Compliance and was
11 President of the Chicago Board of Underwriters until retiring
12 in 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Richard Maxwell became
14 engaged in local politics through the Palatine Citizen Corps
15 Council and state Republican committees; he became a published
16 author in 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, Richard Maxwell was a loving and devoted husband
18 to his wife of 65 years, Florence Gail Cranch Maxwell, and a
19 loving and devoted father to his children, Gail Allison, Miriam
20 Elizabeth, and Diana Claire; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Lt. Col. Richard Eldon Maxwell and
3 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
4 who knew and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Richard Maxwell as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.