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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 Sergeant
4 Major Florencio Cruz-Santiago, U.S. Army (Ret), who passed
5 away on September 28, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, SGM Cruz-Santiago served his country gallantly as
7 an infantry soldier for 30 years, including two and a half
8 combat tours in the Republic of Vietnam; he retired honorably
9 with the Combat Infantry Badge, the Drill Instructor Badge,
10 the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service
11 Medals, two Commendations, and multiple overseas ribbons and
12 awards; and

13 WHEREAS, In retirement, SGM Cruz-Santiago focused on his
14 family, traveling to Puerto Rico, Panama, Aurora, Illinois,
15 and Tampa, Florida; and

16 WHEREAS, SGM Cruz-Santiago was an ever-present husband,
17 brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend; he was known
18 for being willing to do anything for someone in need; he was
19 also generous to various churches with his time and resources;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, SGM Cruz-Santiago's family has asked that he be

1 buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., an
2 honor reserved for those who have served the United States
3 with honor; and

4 WHEREAS, SGM Cruz-Santiago is survived by his wife,
5 Carmela; his sons, Reynaldo (Monica) Cruz, Reinier (Terri)
6 Cruz, and René (Silvia) Cruz; and his grandchildren, Christian
7 (Ashley), Carissa, and Joshua; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn the passing of Sergeant Major Florencio
11 Cruz-Santiago, U.S. Army (Ret) and extend our sincere
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of SGM Cruz as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.