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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the life and service of Jon Charles Sapp, who was killed in action defending his country during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Jon Sapp was born to Charles and Mary (Frandin) Sapp on July 31, 1943; he graduated from Ottawa High School and studied history at college in Nebraska with plans on becoming a history teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jon Sapp followed in his father's footsteps and joined the U.S. Army; he took his basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and advanced infantry training at Fort Ord, California; he was then sent to Non-Commissioned Officers School at Fort Benning, Georgia; he graduated, was promoted to staff sergeant, and was made a squad leader; and

WHEREAS, Jon Sapp received orders sending him to Vietnam on January 10, 1970; he joined the 9th Infantry Division of World War II fame; his regiment was the 60th Infantry Regiment, which has been formed in 1861 during the Civil War; he was part of the 2nd Battalion, Company A, Air Assault; and

WHEREAS, Jon Sapp arrived in the Mekong Delta south of

1 Saigon, Vietnam on January 22, 1970; as a squad leader, he led  
2 his men on patrols to protect the perimeter and keep a check on  
3 the enemy; and

4 WHEREAS, Jon Sapp's base camp was attacked by the North  
5 Vietnamese in April of 1970; his hut was destroyed, and he lost  
6 most of his personal effects; and

7 WHEREAS, Jon Sapp was killed in action on April 19, 1970 as  
8 his unit took part in a firefight in retaliation for the attack  
9 on his base camp; and

10 WHEREAS, Jon Sapp was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge,  
11 the Silver Star, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, the National  
12 Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam  
13 Campaign Medal; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we recognize the life and service of Jon Charles Sapp, who was  
17 killed in action defending his country during the Vietnam War;  
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Jon Sapp as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.