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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jon DePriest on receiving
4 the esteemed 2024 National Patriot Award from the Professional
5 Golfers of America (PGA); and

6 WHEREAS, The National Patriot Award celebrates a PGA
7 professional who personifies patriotism and demonstrates
8 dedication to the brave men and women who have served and
9 protected the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Jon DePriest is a member of the Gateway PGA
11 Section and Director of Golf Operations at the Sunset Hills
12 Country Club in Edwardsville; under his leadership, the Sunset
13 Hills Country Club has become a beacon of support for
14 veterans; and

15 WHEREAS, As the son of a Korean War veteran and a respected
16 PGA member for 39 years, Jon DePriest has passionately
17 supported veterans, recognizing golf as a powerful tool for
18 therapy and community reintegration; and

19 WHEREAS, Jon DePriest has been a key PGA HOPE instructor
20 since the program's inception, contributing to its growth and
21 success; in 2022, he launched a pioneering women's only PGA

1 HOPE program, which has seen nearly 40 female veterans
2 graduate; his commitment extends beyond instruction, as he has
3 raised over \$900,000 for veterans' causes, hosting free-play
4 days and leading Adaptive Golf Training Seminars for fellow
5 PGA members; and

6 WHEREAS, Jon DePriest is a multi-award winner at the
7 section level, and his accolades include being a three-time
8 recipient of the Patriot Award in 2017, 2021, and 2023, being
9 named the PGA Golf Professional of the Year in 2015 and 2024,
10 and receiving the prestigious President's Plaque for Growth of
11 the Game in 2013; and

12 WHEREAS, Jon DePriest's leadership and moral character
13 inspire his peers and the golf community, and his tireless
14 efforts have provided veterans with opportunities to engage in
15 golf and have inspired fellow PGA members to focus on military
16 service and support; and

17 WHEREAS, The Gateway PGA Section and the PGA of America
18 have already extended their heartfelt congratulations to Jon
19 DePriest for his exceptional achievements and profound impact
20 on the military community through the game of golf; therefore,
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Jon DePriest on receiving the 2024 National
3 Patriot Award from the PGA and acknowledge the passion and
4 dedication that earned him this honor; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Jon DePriest as an expression of our respect and
7 esteem.