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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 death of Arthur Richoz of Elgin, who passed away on May 18, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Richoz was born in October of 1922; he married Elinor Radde on December 19, 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Richoz served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Division of the United States 7th Army during World War II; after several automatic deferments due to his job, he joined the service in July of 1944 and became a member of the famed "Thunderbirds"; the combat wounds he suffered while serving in the European theater earned him the nickname of "Purple Heart Art"; in addition to his Purple Heart, he was also the recipient of the Bronze Star and 6 other medals; following his tour of duty, he became a staunch supporter of veterans' causes and maintained close ties to veterans from World War II to the Iraqi war; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Richoz was employed as a tool and die maker with the Illinois Watch and Case Factory before World War II; after the war, he worked briefly at International Harvester, where he was involved in the construction of one of the largest

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1 crawler tractors ever built; he then took a tool and die job
2 with McDonough Manufacturing in Elgin, where worked on a
3 component for the Mercury space program; and

4 WHEREAS, Arthur Richoz is survived by his wife of 65 years,
5 Elinor; his son, Archie; his daughter, Pamela; and his four
6 grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Arthur Richoz will be remembered by all who knew
8 and loved him as a friendly and neighborly man who always
9 wanted to be with people; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Arthur
13 Richoz; and be it further

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