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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate United States Navy  
4 Captain John Malfitano as he is relieved of his duties as  
5 Commanding Officer of the Naval Station Great Lakes; and

6           WHEREAS, Captain Malfitano is a native of Pearl River, New  
7 York; he graduated from Stony Brook University with a Bachelor  
8 of Engineering in Engineering Science and was commissioned  
9 through the Aviation Officer Candidate School program in 1986;  
10 he was designated a Naval Aviator in 1988 and reported to  
11 Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 120 for initial  
12 training in the E-2C Hawkeye; and

13           WHEREAS, He served in VAW-123 "Screwtops" embarked in USS  
14 America, completing 3 deployments with Carrier Air Wing (CVW)  
15 1, including combat operations during Operation Desert Storm;  
16 he also served as an instructor and training landing signal  
17 officer, an Assistant Officer in Charge, served in combat  
18 operations during Operation Desert Fox, and commanded the  
19 Seahawks; during his time as Commanding Officer, the VAW-126  
20 was selected as recipient of the Commander, Naval Air Force  
21 Atlantic Battle Efficiency Award and the Commander, Naval Air  
22 Forces RADM Frank Akers Award for AEW Excellence as the finest  
23 E-2C Hawkeye squadron in the Navy; he was subsequently selected

1 by his peers for the Navy-Marine Corps Leadership Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Ashore, he has served as Flag Aide-de-camp for the  
3 Commander Naval Training Center, Great Lakes; he earned a  
4 Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic  
5 Studies with Highest Distinction from the Naval War College,  
6 receiving the President's Honor Graduate Award; he was assigned  
7 to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as an action  
8 officer for the VCNO-charted information technology group,  
9 Task Force Web; he attended the Joint and Combined Warfighting  
10 School at the Joint Forces Staff College; and he most recently  
11 served as a Joint Staff Officer for NATO's Supreme Allied  
12 Commander Transformation in the Strategic Engagement and  
13 Vision Branch; and

14 WHEREAS, Captain Malfitano has accumulated over 4,400  
15 flight hours and more than 500 arrested landings on 10  
16 different aircraft carriers; he has earned the Defense  
17 Meritorious Service Medal, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 3  
18 Strike/Flight Air Medals, the Joint Service Commendation  
19 Medal, 8 Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (3 with  
20 combat "V"), and the Navy Achievement Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, Captain Malfitano and his wife, Victoria (Vicki)  
22 are the proud parents of Joseph Elias and William Jacob; and

1           WHEREAS, The formal Change of Command Ceremony will be held  
2           on July 15, 2011 at the Naval Station Great Lakes; therefore,  
3           be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6           we congratulate Captain John Malfitano and wish him continued  
7           success for years to come; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9           presented to Captain John Malfitano as a symbol of our respect  
10          and esteem.