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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 United
4 States Navy Lieutenant Robert Clem Allison, originally of
5 Robinson, who passed away on August 11, 1955; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Robert Allison was decorated with the National
7 Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United
8 Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit
9 Citation Badge; and

10 WHEREAS, Lt. Robert Allison was a 1946 Robinson High School
11 graduate and an outstanding athlete; he was captain of the
12 basketball team that went 31-3, qualifying for State; and

13 WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Lt. Robert
14 Allison enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served for
15 2 years; he subsequently received an appointment to the United
16 States Naval Academy at Annapolis; after graduating from the
17 Naval Academy, he served for 18 months aboard the heavy cruiser
18 USS Bremerton during the Korean War; he later signed up for
19 flight school in Pensacola, Florida and was assigned to the
20 carrier USS Lake Champlain in Florida; and

21 WHEREAS, On August 11, 1955, Lt. Robert Allison happened to

1 be flying toward Jacksonville, Florida when the engine of his
2 Banshee F2H4 jet blew out; he made an emergency landing on U.S.
3 Route 27, near where there is a dedicated marker; he touched
4 down and was rolling to a stop when a loaded logging truck and
5 a car rounded a bend and were suddenly heading right at him; he
6 avoided hitting them by intentionally soaring into a cypress
7 swamp; and

8 WHEREAS, Lt. Robert Allison was buried in Illinois; his
9 parents were notified that he died in a training accident;
10 there is no recollection that official recognition was given to
11 him that he had saved people on the ground; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we honor the selfless sacrifice that Lieutenant Robert Clem
15 Allison made so that others may live; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to William A. Jordan, Lt. Allison's last living
18 relative and a retired United States Air Force Colonel, as an
19 expression of our deepest sympathy and gratitude for the
20 sacrifice Lt. Robert Allison made for our nation.