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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois House of
3 Representatives pays honor and respect to the truly great
4 individuals who have served our country, and in doing so, have
5 gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, Lovelace "Ace" Kitchen served as a Sergeant in the
7 United States Army Air Corps with the 556th Bombardment
8 Squadron during World War II; he served as a radio operator and
9 gunner with the AAF 757; and

10 WHEREAS, Lovelace Kitchen's overseas battles included
11 those in Central Europe, the Ardennes, and the Rhineland; and

12 WHEREAS, Lovelace Kitchen took part in the infamous Battle
13 of the Bulge; and

14 WHEREAS, Lovelace Kitchen flew in a Martin B-26 Marauder -
15 a twin engine airplane designed for bombing at a low level; and

16 WHEREAS, During his service, Lovelace Kitchen was awarded 4
17 Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, an Air Medal with 2 Oak
18 Leaf Clusters, an American Theatre Campaign Ribbon, a European
19 African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon, 2 Overseas
20 Bars, and a Victory Ribbon; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize Lovelace "Ace" Kitchen for his heroic actions
4 during World War II and we thank him for his service to his
5 country; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Lovelace Kitchen as an expression of our esteem
8 and respect.