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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 James N.
4 Rodgers of Auburn, who passed away on March 7, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, James Rodgers was born on May 28, 1926 in
6 Franklin; his parents were William Almer Rodgers and Henrietta
7 (nee Seymour) Rodgers; he married Carolyn Medd on July 23, 1957
8 in Springfield; and

9 WHEREAS, James Rodgers answered the call of his nation by
10 joining the United States Marine Corps following the death of
11 his brother, William A. Rodgers, Jr., who was killed on
12 November 2, 1943 in Bouganville, Solomon Islands while serving
13 with the Marine Corps, and his older sister, Grace Rodgers, who
14 served in the United States Coast Guard (SPARS); he served as a
15 sharpshooter with the 6th Marine Division; he was severely
16 wounded in combat during the Battle of Okinawa, codenamed
17 Operation Iceberg, on April 1, 1945, as his unit seized the
18 strategically vital Yontan Airfield; he was awarded the Purple
19 Heart, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II
20 Victory Medal for his service; and

21 WHEREAS, James Rodgers was active in the community life of
22 Auburn; he was a volunteer at the Auburn Cemetery, where he

1 helped with mowing and maintenance; he was also a member of the
2 Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auburn
3 Post #8157; and

4 WHEREAS, James Rodgers was preceded in death by his wife,
5 Carolyn; his brothers, William A. Rodgers and George Rodgers;
6 and a sister, Grace Rodgers; and

7 WHEREAS, James Rodgers is survived by 6 nieces, Mary
8 Kirgan, Janice Ping Roth, Bonnie Sandidge, Pam Schiermeier,
9 Ella Kay Shriner, and Kathy Rodgers; 3 nephews, Jim Boston,
10 Randy Medd, and Bobby Medd; and a sister-in-law, Jean Rodgers;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 mourn the passing of James N. Rodgers and extend our sincere
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of James Rodgers as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.