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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation is the
3 public operating arm of the Congressional Medal of Honor
4 Society, the fellowship of American warriors that is
5 exclusively limited to living recipients of the Medal of Honor;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Since its creation by Congress and the United
8 States War Department under President Abraham Lincoln in 1861,
9 the Medal of Honor, often called the Congressional Medal of
10 Honor, is the highest-ranking decoration that can be bestowed
11 upon an American warrior for valor on duty in active service,
12 including valor in combat; and

13 WHEREAS, The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, in
14 its public operating outreach, educates and inspires Americans
15 about the values embodied in the Medal of Honor: courage and
16 sacrifice, commitment and integrity, citizenship and
17 patriotism; and

18 WHEREAS, These values are essential and increasingly
19 needed in the character development of our current and future
20 generations of Illinois citizens; and

21 WHEREAS, As of May 20, 2019, there were only 70 living

1 recipients of the Medal of Honor; and

2 WHEREAS, To keep alive and expand the public understanding
3 and celebration of the Medal of Honor and to pay respect to the
4 character traits which it represents, the Congressional Medal
5 of Honor Foundation will host the Salute to the Medal of Honor
6 and Distinguished Citizens Award events in Chicago on June 6
7 through June 8, 2019; and

8 WHEREAS, During these events, the Distinguished Citizens
9 Award will be presented to exceptional Americans who exemplify
10 leadership and service and inspire others by selflessly giving
11 of time and talent to the community and the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, The Crown Family descended from Henry Crown
13 (1896-1990) and his son Lester Crown (born 1925) of Chicago;
14 the Crown Family will be honored in June 2019 by the
15 Foundation's Distinguished Citizens Award; and

16 WHEREAS, The bestowing of the Distinguished Citizens Award
17 on the Crown Family and the events of the Salute to the Medal
18 of Honor celebration will mark the 20th Anniversary of the
19 Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and its operations of
20 public outreach and character education; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we join the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation in honoring
3 the Crown Family and their long and distinguished history in
4 the Chicago area and around the world and their long tradition
5 of service to their communities; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we welcome the Salute to the Medal of Honor
7 and the Distinguished Citizens Award, hosted by the
8 Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, to Illinois and wish
9 the Foundation, its guests, and its honorees a distinguished
10 experience in the Chicago area; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we redouble this welcome with respect to
12 those recipients of the Medal of Honor who are able to take
13 part in these honors and ceremonies in person; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That for those recipients of the Medal of Honor
16 who are alive but cannot attend these events, know that you
17 will always be present in the hearts of the people of Illinois;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we call upon the people of Illinois to take
20 within ourselves the moral lesson of the Medal of Honor, as
21 recognized and celebrated by the Congressional Medal of Honor
22 Foundation, as essential elements in the character development

1 of we Americans as a people; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to Louis R. Chênevert, the Chairman of the
4 Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, and to John Glotzbach,
5 Treasurer of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.