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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Guy H. Bodor of Aurora passed away on December 20, 2004; he was born February 18, 1922, to Louis and Hedwig (Reginnitter) Bodor; and

WHEREAS, Guy proudly served in the United States Navy, enlisting in 1940; he attended boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, followed by Aviation Radio School in San Diego, California; he survived the attack on Pearl Harbor while serving aboard the USS San Francisco; he spent 56 months in the Pacific theatre participating in the Wake Island relief expedition, the attack on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, air action off Bougainville, the SALAMAAU-LAE Raid, the Battle of Cape Esperance, and the Battle of Guadalcanal; in 1943, he was assigned to bombing squadron VB-140 based at the Russell Islands for the new Georgia-Bougainville-New Ireland campaigns; in 1944, he was assigned to patrol bombing squadron VPB-123 and participated in the Okinawa invasion to end the war; he was decorated many times, including a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in the Battle of Guadalcanal; his unit received the first Presidential Unit Citation for that action; he also was awarded the Naval Air medal, Navy Good Conduct medal, WWII Victory medal, American Defense medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign medal, American Campaign-Pacific Operations medal, and the Naval Reserve Faithful Service medal; he continued his service after World War II in the Naval Reserves and was called to active duty in 1961; while in the reserves, he received a commission and attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4, serving a total of 40 years until his retirement in 1982; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, He joined IBM and spent the next 41 years working as a customer products service manager; and

WHEREAS, During retirement, he was active in the community

1 at SciTech, Golden Kiwanis, and New England Congregational
2 Church; he was also a member of the Naval Order of the United
3 States and served as president of the Aurora Navy League; and

4 WHEREAS, He was proceeded in death by his parents; his
5 brothers, Richard, Robert, and James; and his sister Margaret,
6 in infancy; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, loving father and doting
8 grandfather, Guy is survived by his wife of 55 years, Bobbi
9 (Collatz) Bodor; his children, Suzanne (Bruce) Saunders, Aaron
10 (Tash Robb) Bodor, and Jeanne (Andrew) Larson; his
11 grandchildren, Logan Saunders, Seth and Marete Larson, and
12 Rowan Bodor; his brother-in-law, Fred (Anna) Collatz; and
13 several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Guy H. Bodor and we extend our
17 sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and community;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
21 sympathy.