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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Red River Queen, the F-105 fighter-bomber
3 flown by the late U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Bill Pachura, a
4 Clinton County native, will be permanently displayed in
5 Centralia as a tribute to those who fought in the Vietnam War;
6 a dedication ceremony for the bomber will be held on Saturday,
7 April 29, 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, The plane was assigned to Lt. Col. Pachura during
9 the Vietnam War, when he flew 129 bombing missions over North
10 Vietnam in 1968; after the war, the plane was assigned
11 temporarily to the Kansas National Guard before landing at
12 Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where the plane
13 has been used for security training for years; and

14 WHEREAS, The F-105 will sit in a prominent location along
15 IL Route 161, which skirts Fairview Park in Centralia; it joins
16 a T-33 Shooting Star, also flown by Lt. Col. Pachura, which was
17 placed in Fairview Park almost 40 years ago; and

18 WHEREAS, A military parade honoring local veterans will
19 precede the dedication Ceremony in Fairview Park on the west
20 side of Centralia; and

21 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Pachura had two Distinguished Flying
22 Cross awards and passed away on November 8, 2002; much of his
23 family will be present for the dedication ceremony; therefore,
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we recognize the dedication of the Red River Queen, a plane
28 that truly will stand as a tribute to those like Lt. Col. Bill
29 Pachura, who valiantly fought for our country during the
30 Vietnam War; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the City of Centralia, to the family of Lt. Col.
3 Bill Pachura, and to Mr. Clark Weins.