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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel John W. Amberg II entered the
3 United States Army in 1982 and completed basic training at Fort
4 Knox earning the Military Occupational Skill, 19D, Cavalry
5 Scout; and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel John Amberg holds a Bachelor's
7 degree in Leadership from the United States Military Academy at
8 West Point and a Master's degree in Business Administration
9 from Eastern New Mexico University; and

10 WHEREAS, He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff
11 College, the Public Affairs Officer's Course, the Combined Arms
12 Services Staff School, the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced
13 Courses, and holds the Airborne Badge; and

14 WHEREAS, Serving as an Artillery Officer, Lieutenant
15 Colonel Amberg was stationed at Fort Hood (1995) and
16 participated in an operational deployment to Kuwait; he also
17 served as the deputy operations officer for the Artillery
18 Battalion and was deployed to fight forest fires in Idaho and
19 Montana in support of the United States Forest Service; and

20 WHEREAS, Prior to his assignment at Fort Hood, Lieutenant
21 Colonel Amberg served as a Gunnery Instructor for the Officer

1 Basic Course at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

2 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Amberg also was deployed to
3 Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1991) from Neu Ulm, Germany as part
4 of the 1st Infantry Division and VII Corps, the largest
5 overseas theater-to-theater deployment in the history of the
6 Army; and

7 WHEREAS, From 1997 to 2000 Lieutenant Colonel Amberg taught
8 Military Leadership at the Reserve Officer Training Course
9 (ROTC), New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico,
10 and assisted the University in commissioning over 150 officers,
11 the second largest commissioning source for United States Army
12 officers, other than West Point; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2001, Lieutenant Colonel Amberg attended the
14 Command and General Staff College and then was assigned to the
15 United States Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC),
16 Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he served as the Secretary of
17 the General Staff (SGS), and was responsible for the management
18 of all administrative records for the students and staff for
19 the Deputy Commandant; and

20 WHEREAS, From January 2003 to March 2003, Lieutenant
21 Colonel Amberg was deployed to Zamboanga City, Republic of the
22 Philippines, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; during

1 the deployment, Lieutenant Colonel Amberg served as the
2 principle PAO for the Joint Special Operation Task Force
3 Philippines as they conducted humanitarian assistance and
4 military training missions; and

5 WHEREAS, He was the Chief of Public Affairs for the United
6 States Army Japan/9th Theater Support Command at Camp Zama,
7 Japan; Lieutenant Colonel Amberg served as the principle PAO
8 for the 2004 military desertion trial of the former Korean War
9 Army Sergeant Charles Jenkins; Lieutenant Colonel Amberg,
10 serving as the Army spokesperson, assured that the public
11 understood the military trial was merely the United States Army
12 enforcing the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) with one
13 of its own; the case was internationally significant due to the
14 personal interest of Japan's Prime Minister, Jerinichi
15 Koizumi; and

16 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Amberg arrived in Chicago in
17 July of 2005 and participated in the Army's Training with
18 Industry Program and has now retired as Midwest Director,
19 United States Army Public Affairs, after serving 26 years in
20 the military; and

21 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Amberg played an instrumental
22 role as a liaison between the United States Army and an array
23 of non-profit charitable organizations dedicated to serving

1 both veteran and current members of the United States military
2 in and around the Midwest area, and was vital in providing
3 guidance to these organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Amberg was central to the
5 successful re-launch of the Purple Heart Cruise, a Chicago
6 institution dedicated to serving the veterans of Illinois and
7 America and provided assistance, advice, and council to the
8 leadership of the hosting organization, Kup's Purple Heart
9 Foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Amberg will officially retire
11 from the military on September 2008; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate and recognize Lieutenant Colonel John Amberg for
15 his dedication to the citizens of Illinois, for having
16 accomplished all missions tasked to him and his respective
17 units, and for having served this State and the nation
18 honorably for 26 years and that we declare September 30, 2008
19 as Lieutenant Colonel John Amberg Day in the State of Illinois;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Lieutenant Colonel John Amberg as a symbol of our

1 respect and esteem.