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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor those who contribute to  
4 the well-being of the State of Illinois and its residents; and

5           WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne earned his bachelor's degree from  
6 the University of Utah in 1968; he subsequently earned his  
7 master's degree in systems management from the University of  
8 Southern California in 1979; he participated in numerous  
9 military professional education resident courses, including  
10 the Department of the Navy Total's Quality Leadership Course in  
11 1993 and programs at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College  
12 in 1983 and the Air War College in 1987; he is also certified  
13 as a Type 3 FEMA Incident Management Team member; and

14           WHEREAS, After earning his bachelor's degree, Richard  
15 Jaehne was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United  
16 States Marine Corps; he subsequently attained the rank of  
17 Colonel; during his tenure, he served in Vietnam, the Far East,  
18 Latin America, the Middle East, Europe, and Washington, D.C.;  
19 he also served as the Commandant of the NATO School in  
20 Oberammergau, Germany and as Director of the Operations  
21 Department at the United States Marine Corps Headquarters in  
22 Washington, D.C.; he retired from the United States Marine  
23 Corps on September 30, 1997, after more than 29 years of active

1 service around the world; and

2 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne was awarded the Navy Cross while  
3 serving as a platoon leader with Company K, Third Battalion,  
4 Seventh Marine Regiment of the First Marine Division in  
5 connection with combat operations against the enemy in the  
6 Republic of Vietnam on August 28, 1969; he also earned three  
7 Defense Superior Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, the  
8 Bronze Star with Combat "V", the Purple Heart, the Meritorious  
9 Service Medal, two Combat Action Ribbons, the German Honor  
10 Cross in Silver, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with  
11 Silver Star; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne is the author of numerous  
13 publications, including "NATO School Vision 2000", which was  
14 presented to the Supreme Allied Commander, Allied Powers  
15 Europe, "Traumatic Stress, A Personal View From Combat", and  
16 numerous articles for professional journals and hundreds of  
17 speeches of note to international and U.S. crisis management  
18 and security forums; he is also the co-developer of the seminar  
19 entitled "Where the Battle Begins", which relates leadership in  
20 high-risk situations between the military and fire service; and

21 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne has served with distinction as the  
22 director of the Illinois Fire Service Institute, the statutory  
23 Illinois State Fire Academy; as director, he leads an

1 inter-agency team that has developed and delivers unified  
2 command training programs which meet the new National Incident  
3 Management System standards to first responders, local and  
4 elected officials, and the United States Postal Service; he has  
5 also supervised the delivery of more than 600,000 student hours  
6 of training to some 55,000 firefighters and other first  
7 responders annually; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne is a member of the Illinois  
9 Governor's Terrorism Task Force and a Co-Chair of the task  
10 force's Training Committee; he was a member of the Governor's  
11 Blue Ribbon Fire Service Committee and the Governor's Fire  
12 Advisory Commission; he is a past-Vice President of the North  
13 American Fire Training Directors; he is also a member of the  
14 congressionally-mandated FEMA Region V Regional Advisory  
15 Council; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2002, Richard Jaehne developed and led a series  
17 of 17 homeland security planning workshops statewide  
18 culminating in a 2-day Homeland Security Summit, attended by  
19 community leaders from across Illinois and the Illinois  
20 Homeland Security Coordinator; and

21 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne received the Mutual Aid Box Alarm  
22 System (MABAS) President's Leadership Award in 2006 for  
23 sustained support in fire and homeland security preparedness

1 and programs; and

2 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne serves as a model of hard work,  
3 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
4 Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we designate the new building at the Illinois Fire Service  
8 Institute as the "Richard L. Jaehne Building" in honor of  
9 Richard L. Jaehne and his many accomplishments; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Richard Jaehne as a symbol of our esteem and  
13 respect.