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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the
4 Montford Point Marines on the occasion of receiving the
5 Congressional Gold Medal from Congress; and

6 WHEREAS, The 20,000 black Marines of Montford Point were
7 the first to be integrated into the United States Marine Corps,
8 the last all-white branch of the U.S. military, after a 1941
9 executive order from President Franklin Roosevelt; the first
10 recruits received their basic training at the segregated Camp
11 Montford Point, adjacent to Camp Lejeune, near Jacksonville,
12 North Carolina; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives voted
14 unanimously to honor the Montford Point Marines with the
15 Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor,
16 in honor of their service to their country and their work in
17 breaking the military's color barrier; and

18 WHEREAS, The Montford Point Marines serve as models of hard
19 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
20 Illinois; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate the members of the Montford Point Marines on
3 the occasion of receiving the Congressional Gold Medal and
4 thank them for their service to our nation; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the Montford Point Marines as a symbol of our
7 esteem and respect.