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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former
4 State Senator Robert Mitchler, who passed away on April 19,
5 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, He leaves behind a legacy of community service, a
7 career as a politician and businessman, and a life as an
8 advocate of the military and the veterans who proudly served
9 their country; and

10 WHEREAS, He proudly served his country in the United States
11 Navy during World War II, with assignments including amphibious
12 and minesweeping operations; in the Korean War, he served as a
13 Chief Petty Officer; and

14 WHEREAS, He rose through the ranks of the United States
15 Navy and was assigned to the United Nations Military Armistice
16 Command as a stenographer at the Panmunjom armistice talks; and

17 WHEREAS, He was very politically active in his community,
18 serving as a Precinct Committeeman for 60 years and as an
19 Illinois State Senator from 1964 to 1981; and

20 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Senator, Governor Jim

1 Thompson appointed him to serve as the Legislative Liaison to
2 the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs; and

3 WHEREAS, He was also appointed by Governor Jim Edgar to the
4 rank of Permanent Captain in the Illinois Naval Militia as
5 Military and Naval Aide and subsequently reappointed by
6 Governor George Ryan; and

7 WHEREAS, He was a life member of the Aurora Masonic Lodge
8 No. 254 A.F. & A. M., a 32nd degree life member of the Scottish
9 Rite Order, and the First Ceremonial Master of the Tebala
10 Shrine in Rockford; and

11 WHEREAS, He was the driving force behind the establishment
12 of the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps unit at East
13 Aurora High School; and

14 WHEREAS, He served as the National Director of the Navy
15 League and was elected as the National Director Emeritus, the
16 Vice-President of the Kendall County Republican Central
17 Committee, the Kendall County Young Republican Organization,
18 the Illinois Republican Veterans League, the Illinois Police
19 Association, and as a member of the Board of Trustees for
20 Jennings Terrace in Aurora; and

21 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, John and

1 Clara Mitchler; his sister, Helen Virginia Mitchler; his
2 brother, William G. Mitchler; and his daughter-in-law, Maria
3 Aragon; and

4 WHEREAS, Former State Senator Robert Mitchler is survived
5 by his wife, Helen Mitchler; his children, John (Kathy)
6 Mitchler, Kurt (Sharon Buntain) Mitchler, and Heidi (Daniel)
7 Lyjak; his grandchildren, Briana, Scott, Haley, Joseph,
8 Natalie, Olivia, Matthew, Garrick, and Trevor; his
9 sister-in-law, Cecile Mitchler; as well as several nieces and
10 nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
14 former Senator Robert Mitchler; we remember this great man who
15 faithfully served his community and the State of Illinois for
16 many years; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of former State Senator Robert Mitchler
19 as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.