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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 Raymond
4 L. Schaeffer of Carlyle, who passed away on May 1, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born on the family farm south of Beckemeyer
6 on August 13, 1922, to Louis and Cecilia, nee Beckmann,
7 Schaeffer; after his mother passed away in December of 1927, he
8 was raised by his uncle and aunt, Fred "Fritz" and Elizabeth
9 Beckmann in Bartelso; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduating from grade school in Bartelso in
11 1936, he worked as a farmhand in the Bartelso area; he went to
12 work at the Moran shoe factory in Carlyle in 1941 and it was
13 there that he met his future wife, Dorothy Schiermann of
14 Carlyle; he and Dorothy were married at St. Mary Church in
15 Carlyle, on July 11, 1944; and

16 WHEREAS, As a member of the "Greatest Generation," Ray
17 served in General Dean's 44th Infantry Division of the United
18 States Army in Europe in World War II; he worked as a
19 bricklayer and contractor for many years and later was a life
20 insurance salesman for CK&L of I; Ray was an active member and
21 past commander of the VFW Post 3523 in Carlyle; he was also a
22 charter member of the Bartelso Catholic War Veterans, and a

1 member of the Beckemeyer American Legion Post 1227 and Carlyle
2 Knights of Columbus; and

3 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
4 brothers, John Schaeffer and Cyril Schniers; his sister, Mary
5 Gehrs; his sister-in-law, Mary Alice Schaeffer; and his
6 brothers-in-law, Ferdy Gehrs and Kenny Koenig; and

7 WHEREAS, Raymond L. Schaeffer is survived by his wife of 67
8 years, Dorothy; their children and spouses, Kay (Ed) Agustin,
9 Barb (Dan) Haselhorst, Marilyn (Gary) Setser, Dan (Maureen)
10 Schaeffer, Pat (Rich) Boien, and Dave (Kathy) Schaeffer; his
11 brother, Vic Schaeffer; his sister, Stella Koenig; and his
12 sisters-in-law, Alvina Schaeffer and Janet Schniers; and

13 WHEREAS, Ray is survived by 16 grandchildren who were his
14 greatest joy; he passed away one week after the birth of his
15 tenth great-grandchild; and

16 WHEREAS, Ray was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery
17 following a service with Reverend George Mauck at St. Mary's
18 Church in Carlyle, the same church where he and his wife
19 married, commemorated their 60th wedding anniversary, attended
20 church regularly for the majority of their lives, and
21 recognized innumerable milestones in the growth of their loving
22 family; and

1 WHEREAS, Ray lived every day with a grateful heart and a
2 radiant sense of humor, playing bingo regularly with his
3 brother Vic, becoming a Wii bowling team member at the Carlyle
4 Healthcare Center, singing to his wife Dorothy, gathering the
5 family together for his 89th birthday celebration, and cheering
6 his beloved St. Louis Cardinals to their 2011 World Series win;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
11 Raymond L. Schaeffer; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we pledge to continue to remember and
13 cherish in our hearts the time spent in uniform by all of our
14 American veterans; our country is what it is today because of
15 these brave men and women; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Raymond L. Schaeffer as a symbol of
18 our sincere sympathy.