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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 Gerald F.
4 Tuite, Sr., formerly of Rockford, who passed away on December
5 31, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. was born on November 15, 1928 to
7 John C. and Mildred (nee Murphy) Tuite; he served his country
8 as a combat infantry leader and chief photographer with the
9 United States Army in Japan during the Korean War; he attended
10 Rockford College and Georgetown University and then
11 Chicago-Kent College of Law, graduating with honors and his
12 Juris Doctor in 1958; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1958, Gerald Tuite, Sr. opened Gerald Tuite &
14 Associates in Rockford, specializing in Labor Law, Workers'
15 Compensation Law, and Personal Injury Law; he was a frequent
16 lecturer on workers' rights and at Bar Association seminars; he
17 was a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois Bar
18 Association, and the American and Illinois Trial Lawyers
19 Associations and he received numerous accolades for his service
20 to various organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. was active in Democratic
22 politics in the Rockford area; he served as a Precinct

1 Committeeman and Vice-Chairman of the Winnebago County
2 Democratic Party and was active in many campaigns for local,
3 State, and national offices; he also served as an Assistant
4 Attorney General for 8 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. was a member of the Knights of
6 Columbus, the Naples Yacht Club, the Big Foot Country Club, the
7 Metropolitan Club, the Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity, and was a
8 charter member of Saint Bridget Catholic Church in Loves Park;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. was preceded in death by his
11 parents and by his brother, John Tuite; and

12 WHEREAS, Gerald Tuite, Sr. is survived by his beloved wife,
13 Francine Williams Tuite; his children, Gregory E. (Mary) Tuite,
14 Dr. Gerald F. (Susan) Tuite, Jr., Michael P. (Jennifer) Tuite,
15 and Tracy (Paul) Beraud; his 9 grandchildren; and 1
16 great-granddaughter; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of Gerald F. Tuite, Sr., and extend our
20 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
21 and loved him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Gerald Tuite, Sr. as an expression of our deepest
3 sympathy.