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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representative are saddened to learn of the death of Lieutenant
4 General D'Wayne Gray, USMC (Ret.) of Falls Church, Virginia,
5 who passed away on March 2, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Gray was born in Corsicana, Texas on
7 April 9, 1931; he graduated from North Side High School in Fort
8 Worth, Texas and earned his bachelor's degree from the
9 University of Texas in 1952; in 1971, he received his master's
10 degree in International Affairs from George Washington
11 University in Washington, D.C. and completed the executive
12 program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of
13 Government; and

14 WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Gray's military career spanned 35 years
15 of service to the United States Marine Corps; he began as a
16 private in the reserves and, following graduation from the
17 Naval ROTC program at the University of Texas in 1952, he
18 entered the Marine Corps; he served a combat tour in Korea and
19 2 combat tours in Vietnam; after being promoted to general, he
20 held a succession of positions at Marine Corps headquarters in
21 Washington, D.C., culminating in Chief of Staff; he concluded
22 his service as commander of the Marine Corps forces in the
23 United States Pacific Command, comprising two-thirds of the

1 operating forces of the Marine Corps; he retired in October of
2 1987 as a 3-star general; and

3 WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Gray's has been awarded numerous medals
4 and decorations throughout his service, including the Legion of
5 Merit with a Combat "V" and a gold star in lieu of a second
6 star, the Meritorious Service Medal with a gold star in lieu of
7 a second award, the Air Medal with Numeral 5, the Joint Service
8 Commendation Medal with Combat "V", the Navy Commendation Medal
9 with Combat "V", and the Combat Action Ribbon; and

10 WHEREAS, Following retirement from the Marine Corps, Lt.
11 Gen. Gray served as chief executive officer of the Montgomery
12 Country Revenue Authority; in 1989, President George H.W. Bush
13 nominated him to be the first Under Secretary for Benefits in
14 the newly created cabinet-level Department of Veterans
15 Affairs; he remained in that position until November of 1992;
16 he has been a member of the board of directors of the United
17 States Naval Institute in Annapolis, Maryland, a naval
18 publisher, and chairman of its editorial board; he served on
19 the board of directors of The Retired Officers Association and
20 was a member of Maritime Policy Study Group of the Center for
21 Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.; and

22 WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Gray was a member of The Arimatheans, a
23 group of older men who serve as altar boys to assist in

1 Catholic funeral masses for military members; he was a core
2 member of Tertulia, a monthly lunch and discussion group on
3 public policy issues and a member and one of the organizers of
4 Lake Barcroft Village; and

5 WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Gray is survived by his wife of 58 years,
6 Joan Gray; his son, Stephen Gray; his daughters, Elizabeth
7 (Jeffrey) Hendrickson and Theresa (Dr. John) Croghan; his
8 grandson, Matthew Hendrickson; and his granddaughters, Rosie,
9 Elizabeth, and Mary; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of Lieutenant General D'Wayne Gray, USMC
13 (Ret.), and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
14 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Lt. Gen. Gray as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.