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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 Gordon
4 Richard Schnulle of Elgin, who passed away on April 21, 2014;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Gordon Schnulle was born in Elgin on August 25,
7 1925 to Gordon William and Ethel M. (nee Zornow) Schnulle; he
8 attended school in Elgin and then served in the United States
9 Marine Corps during World War II; he married Dorothy L. Ferhman
10 on May 8, 1948; and

11 WHEREAS, Gordon Schnulle served as a corporal from 1942 to
12 1946 and fought in the pivotal battle at Iwo Jima during World
13 War II; he was part of the 8th wave of Marines to storm the
14 island, serving as a machine gunner in H Company, 3rd
15 Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division and was
16 there for the entirety of the 36-day battle, which saw his
17 company of Marines reduced to only 39 soldiers from
18 approximately 266; and

19 WHEREAS, Following his service, Gordon Schnulle was
20 employed for many years at the Elgin Corrugated Box Company as
21 head maintenance man; he also obtained his real estate license
22 and his General Education Diploma, having dropped out of school

1 to enlist in the military at age 16; and

2 WHEREAS, Gordon Schnulle was an accomplished knife maker,
3 taxidermist, doll house maker, and after 9/11, spent countless
4 hours speaking on behalf of service men and women; and

5 WHEREAS, Gordon Schnulle was preceded in death by his
6 parents, and by his son, Ronald Lang; and

7 WHEREAS, Gordon Schnulle is survived by his wife of 66
8 years, Dorothy; his sons, Gerald (Marilyn) Lang, Keith (Debbie)
9 Schnulle, Kevin (Pat) Schnulle, and daughter-in-law, Vicki
10 Lang; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; as well as
11 countless other friends and relatives; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of Gordon Richard Schnulle, and extend our
15 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
16 and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Gordon Schnulle as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.