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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 Clifton
4 Lyme Skelcher of Marion, who passed away on May 2, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Clifton Skelcher was born in Cambria on November
6 26, 1922 to Jack and Vernell (nee Campbell) Skelcher; he
7 married Berdella Simmons on December 29, 1945 in Murphysboro;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Clifton Skelcher served in the United States Navy
10 during World War II; he earned 5 bronze stars, his fifth being
11 for the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, which became a
12 Silver Battle Star since it was in the first wave landing at
13 Omaha Beach; before Normandy, he participated in every major
14 invasion of Europe - North Africa, Sicily, 2 invasions of
15 Italy, and southern France; later, in the Pacific Theatre of
16 the War, he was in the invasion of the Philippines, liberating
17 the islands from the Japanese occupation, and then he was in
18 the invasion of Okinawa; he next prepared for the invasion of
19 Japan, before the atomic bombs were dropped, ending the war
20 with Japan in August of 1945; and

21 WHEREAS, Clifton Skelcher retired as the President of
22 Laborer's International Union of North American Local 380 and

1 was a member of Lantana Southern Baptist Church of Carbondale
2 and VFW Post 2035 of Brownsville, Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Clifton Skelcher was preceded in death by his
4 parents; brother, Cline Skelcher; and sister, Annabelle
5 Morris; and

6 WHEREAS, Clifton Skelcher is survived by his wife, Berdella
7 Skelcher; 2 sons, Larry Skelcher and wife, Barbara, and Bradley
8 Skelcher and wife, Dinah Lynn DeMoss; 2 grandsons, Jack
9 Skelcher and wife, Lana, and Jason Skelcher; 4
10 great-grandchildren, Caleb Skelcher, Colton Skelcher, Casey
11 Skelcher, and Danielle Marie Skelcher; and 3 nephews, Clifton
12 Skelcher and wife, Carol, Michael Skelcher and wife, Sharon,
13 and Jack Morris and wife, Kathy; therefore, be it

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

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Clifton Skelcher as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.