



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Representative Monique D. Davis and the members of  
3 the House of Representatives are pleased to honor Robert Lee  
4 Gay, Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Gay valiantly served his country as a member  
6 of the U.S. Navy during World War II; his father, Robert, Sr.,  
7 is a World War I vet, and his son, Bryan, served in Desert  
8 Storm; all three of his brothers, William, Henry, and Mervin  
9 also served our country at war; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Gay worked for the Chicago Fire Department for  
11 more than 20 years; although he has retired, he still drives to  
12 Engine Company 115 seven days a week to help boost morale; long  
13 after he retired, he received the Chicago Fire Department  
14 Citizen Recognition Award for pulling a man from a burning car  
15 and saving his life; and

16 WHEREAS, He played the bugle in the Chicago Fire Department  
17 Band for 20 years; today, he plays taps at memorial services to  
18 honor fallen friends, fire, police, and war veterans; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Gay is the first African-American elected as  
20 commander to the American Legion Fireman's post #667, and he  
21 currently serves as a member; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
24 we honor Robert Lee Gay, Jr., for living a life full of  
25 patriotic unsung heroism; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 presented to Mr. Gay as an expression of our respect and  
28 esteem.