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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Carl Knous for his
4 service to our country as a member of the United States Marine
5 Corps; and

6 WHEREAS, Carl Knous entered the United States Marine Corps
7 at the age of 17, right after he graduated from trade school;
8 he served with the Marine Corps for over 2 years and was
9 deployed overseas for 19 months at the time of his discharge on
10 November 11, 1946; and

11 WHEREAS, After going through basic training in San Diego,
12 Carl Knous was deployed to the South Pacific theatre during
13 World War II; along the way, he and his unit avoided enemy
14 patrols and made several stops before landing on Okinawa; he
15 took part in the fighting on Okinawa for a month under horrible
16 conditions; by the end of the fighting, he was one of the only
17 5 survivors in his unit of 250 soldiers to emerge unharmed; his
18 unit was slated to go to Tokyo following the battle, but was
19 sent back to the US after the dropping of the atomic bomb; and

20 WHEREAS, After returning to the United States, Carl Knous
21 was sent to Chicago before returning to Petersburg; he then
22 began working with his father 3 days after returning home; and

1 WHEREAS, Carl Knous serves as a model of hard work,
2 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
3 Illinois; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we recognize Carl Knous for his service to our country and wish
7 him success and happiness in the future; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Carl Knous as a symbol of our esteem and respect.