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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor John A. Barnhart for his  
4 many years of dedicated service to his nation as a member of  
5 the United States Army and congratulate him for attending the  
6 last reunion of General George Patton's army; and

7           WHEREAS, John Barnhart was born on June 13, 1926; he  
8 entered the United States Army in August in 1944 and was placed  
9 in the 4th Armor Division, 10th Armor Infantry; he joined the  
10 Army just after the Battle of the Bulge and broke through the  
11 Siegfried Line with General Patton all the way to  
12 Czechoslovakia; and

13           WHEREAS, As a member of General Patton's army, John  
14 Barnhart was once ordered to lacquer a helmet for General  
15 Patton, a task that required 15 coats of lacquer and the  
16 application of the general's stars; he also had to put clean  
17 seat covers on General Patton's Jeep; and

18           WHEREAS, John Barnhart was subsequently transferred to the  
19 Army Air Corps (now the United States Air Force) in 1948; he  
20 worked as a crew chief on C-47s, B-26s, and AT-6s; he then  
21 became an electronics instructor and retired from the military  
22 in 1969 at the rank of Master Sergeant; and

1           WHEREAS, John Barnhart is the youngest living member of  
2 Patton's Army; he will attend the last reunion of Patton's Army  
3 on September 10, 2009 in Washington, D.C.; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 honor John A. Barnhart for his many years of dedicated service  
7 to his nation as a member of the United States Army,  
8 congratulate him for attending the last reunion of General  
9 George Patton's army, and wish him great happiness and good  
10 health in the future; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to John Barnhart as a symbol of our esteem and  
13 respect.