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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 Richard
4 E. "Hap" Northern of Quincy, who passed away on September 2,
5 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Northern was born to Harold Perry and
7 Wilma Northern in Quincy on September 1, 1927; in his youth, he
8 was well-known in Quincy, serving as president of the student
9 council at Quincy Senior High School, where he also played
10 football, and working as one of the first paperboys for the
11 Quincy Herald Whig; upon graduating high school, he attended
12 Gem City Business College, where he obtained a Bachelor of
13 Administration, majoring in business and accounting; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard Northern enlisted in the Illinois
15 National Guard on June 23, 1948; he first saw action during the
16 Korean War in 1952, being assigned to the 314th Ammunition
17 Group in Seoul, South Korea; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Northern became known as a "maverick"
19 within the U.S. military, serving as an enlisted soldier and
20 holding every enlisted rank from private to sergeant major and
21 then every officer rank from second lieutenant to brigadier
22 general; and

1 WHEREAS, During Richard Northern's tenure of service, he
2 was responsible for three detachments and 15 reserve force
3 officers, ranging from warrant officer to colonel in the Army
4 National Guard, U.S. Navy Reserve, U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Air
5 Force Reserve, and the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve; ultimately,
6 he was responsible for the health and readiness of the State of
7 Illinois during peacetime and in the event of mobilization of
8 the draft; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Nathan selflessly served our country in
10 the Illinois National Guard for 39 years, retiring from the
11 military at the rank of brigadier general in 1987; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard Nathan owned and operated his own real
13 estate company, Northern Realty, for 52 years; he brokered in
14 the states of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Texas, and he also
15 sold property to the Salvation Army, which is now the location
16 of the Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Nathan first became active in Republican
19 politics when he returned from the Korean War; he served as a
20 Republican precinct committeeman for 67 years and an Adams
21 County Republican chairman for 37 years; he also served as a
22 mentor, advocate, and sometimes campaign manager to many

1 candidates and elected officials for state, county, and city
2 office throughout his lifetime; additionally, he served as a
3 delegate at two Republican National Conventions and was a
4 former Illinois Republican Party chairman; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Northern will be remembered as a selfless
6 and dedicated son, husband, father, and soldier; and

7 WHEREAS, Richard Northern was preceded in death by his
8 wife, Shirlee JoAnn Bankson Northern; his parents; and his
9 sisters, Connie (EV "Cowboy") Northern Riehn and Marilyn
10 Northern Niebur; and

11 WHEREAS, Richard Northern is survived by his daughter,
12 Natalie D. (Todd Franklin) Northern; his son, Richard E.
13 "Rick" (Beth Parchim) Northern II; his brother-in-law, Robert
14 F. Niebur; his nephew, Brett (Cindy) Niebur; his great-niece,
15 Michelle (Tench Coxe) Niebur; his great-nephew, Matthew (Niki)
16 Niebur, and their son, Bodie; his niece, Angela (John) Niebur
17 McGrath; his great-nephew, Chase (Michelle) McGrath, and their
18 sons, Cillian, Mickey, and Jameson; and his great-nephew,
19 Cully (Amy) McGrath, and their daughter, Maeve; therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Richard E. "Hap" Northern and extend
2 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
3 knew and loved him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Richard Northern as an expression
6 of our deepest sympathy.