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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 Jack D.
4 Davis of Springfield, who passed away on February 4, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Jack Davis was born in Chicago to Russell and Edna
6 Bender on September 6, 1935; his father died when he was a
7 child after which the family moved to a farm in Jefferson
8 County, where his mother married his adoptive father, Melcher
9 "M.C." Davis; and

10 WHEREAS, Jack Davis began college at the age of 15 at
11 Southern Illinois University; he graduated at the age of 19 and
12 shipped off to Naval Officer Candidate School; he served as a
13 lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during the Cold War; and

14 WHEREAS, Following his naval service, Jack Davis worked as
15 a counselor for the disabled; he met Virginia "Ginny" Griffin
16 and they soon married; and

17 WHEREAS, Once Jack Davis and Ginny were married, they moved
18 to Chicago and Jack began work in the steel industry, where he
19 built a successful steel company, Lexington Steel, which he
20 sold in 1975 to focus on life as a public servant; and

1 WHEREAS, Jack Davis served in the Illinois House of
2 Representatives for 10 years before he was elected to the
3 United States Congress in 1986; he served proudly on the House
4 Armed Services Committee; following his service in Congress, he
5 and Ginny moved to Sangamon County; and

6 WHEREAS, Soon thereafter, President George H.W. Bush
7 called Jack Davis back to Washington, D.C. to serve as the
8 Assistant Secretary of the United States Air Force; he served
9 as assistant secretary during operations Desert Shield and
10 Desert Storm; he flew a combat mission over Iraq during his
11 time in the desert and was awarded the Meritorious Service
12 Medal for his combat role; and

13 WHEREAS, Jack Davis returned to Sangamon County and had a
14 successful radio program on WMAY for many years; and

15 WHEREAS, Jack Davis had a love for traveling and he and
16 Ginny made numerous trips to their home on the Sea of Cortez in
17 Mexico; he loved blue water and fishing; and

18 WHEREAS, Jack Davis is survived by his wife of 58 years;
19 his children, Jill (Robert) Egizii, Heather (Charles IV)
20 Schenck, and Jack (Carolyn) Davis; and his nine beloved
21 grandchildren; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn the passing of Jack D. Davis, and extend our sincere
4 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Jack Davis as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.