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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 Donald  
4 Leroy "Don" Thompson of Montgomery, who passed away on October  
5 26, 2018; and

6           WHEREAS, Don Thompson was born in Fenton to Roy and Eva  
7 Thompson on October 19, 1920; he graduated from East Aurora  
8 High School in 1938 and then studied engineering at North  
9 Central College and the University of Illinois until he entered  
10 the United States Navy flight training program in 1942; he  
11 earned his gold wings and was commissioned a Naval Aviator; he  
12 married Doris Edith Trudel in Aurora on July 24, 1945; after  
13 serving active duty for four years during World War II and 16  
14 years reserve duty, he retired at the rank of Lieutenant  
15 Commander in 1980; and

16           WHEREAS, Don Thompson was employed by Lyon Metal Products  
17 for 36 years; and

18           WHEREAS, Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in  
19 Massachusetts in 1955, Don Thompson became a 32nd degree Mason  
20 and Shriner in 1973; he served as a secretary of the Aurora  
21 Shrine Club and was awarded a life membership; he was a life  
22 member of the Military Officers Association, the Navy League,

1 the Fox Valley Veterans Breakfast Club, the American Legion  
2 Post 84, the Aurora Masonic Lodge #254, the Scottish Rite, and  
3 the Medinah Shrine Temple in Addison; he was on the second  
4 Honor Flight for Veterans to Washington D.C. in June 2008; he  
5 spent the last 20 years volunteering at Rush Copley Hospital;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Don Thompson was preceded in death by his wife,  
8 Doris; his parents; and his brothers, Jack and Raymond; and

9 WHEREAS, Don Thompson is survived by his daughter, Beverly  
10 Thompson; his son, Bruce (Mary) Thompson; his grandson, Brian  
11 (Katie Little) Thompson; his great-granddaughter, Ashley  
12 (Kevin) Sitkowski; his great-great-granddaughter, Leia Grace  
13 Sitkowski and another great-great-granddaughter due in  
14 November; and his many cherished friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 mourn the passing of Donald Leroy "Don" Thompson and extend our  
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Don Thompson as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.