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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that we pay honor and respect
3 to the truly great individuals who have served our country and,
4 in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Jose Gutierrez was killed
7 in action on March 21, 2003 while serving his country in
8 Operation Iraqi Freedom; he is considered one of the first
9 casualties of the Iraq War; and

10 WHEREAS, LCpl. Gutierrez came to the U.S. from Guatemala at
11 the age of 14 seeking a better life; at the time of his death,
12 he was not yet a citizen of the country for which he sacrificed
13 his life; and

14 WHEREAS, LCpl. Gutierrez was assigned to the 2nd Battalion,
15 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton,
16 California; and

17 WHEREAS, LCpl. Gutierrez spoke of becoming an architect but
18 put his college plans on hold to serve in the U.S. Marines; he
19 believed that the U.S. gave him everything when he arrived from
20 Guatemala with nothing, and he wanted to give back; therefore,
21 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we urge the City of Chicago to rename Trump Tower Plaza after
4 U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Jose Gutierrez in honor of the
5 sacrifice he made to our country; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of LCpl. Gutierrez and the Mayor of
8 Chicago.