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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, U.S. Navy veteran Lyle Gordon Endicott was born on  
3 December 7, 1921, exactly 20 years to the day before his  
4 enlistment in the Navy and the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

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WHEREAS, Lyle Endicott enlisted in the United States Navy  
6 on December 7, 1941, a day now known as Pearl Harbor Day; and

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WHEREAS, Lyle Endicott heroically served as a fighter pilot  
8 with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade on the USS Steamer Bay  
9 aircraft carrier in the Pacific during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, While deployed in the Pacific, Lyle Endicott  
11 supported the invasions of Luzon Island, Lingayen Gulf, Subic  
12 Bay, Iwo Jima, and the Okinawa Islands; and

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WHEREAS, While on leave from the Navy, Lyle Endicott met  
14 Elizabeth Ann "Annie" Piercy of Woodlawn and married her after  
15 only knowing each other two weeks; and

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WHEREAS, Upon his discharge from the Navy, Lyle Endicott  
17 and Annie decided to stay in Woodlawn, where they opened a  
18 small grocery store; and

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WHEREAS, Their store began to grow, and the people of

1 Woodlawn appreciated the convenience of having a store in their  
2 little village; they began to sell furniture out of their  
3 grocery store and eventually opened up Endicott Interiors,  
4 running both the grocery store and the furniture store; and

5 WHEREAS, Eventually their furniture store grew so large  
6 that it became one of the most influential businesses in  
7 Jefferson County, attracting customers from many miles; and

8 WHEREAS, They were business owners known for being  
9 gracious, generous, and models for the entire community,  
10 putting their faith first as the basis for their personal lives  
11 and for their business decisions; and

12 WHEREAS, They were active leaders in the Woodlawn Christian  
13 Church and longtime volunteers in the Mt. Vernon Hospice  
14 organization and were both honored as Senior Saints for  
15 Jefferson County; and

16 WHEREAS, Lyle Endicott also flew as a company pilot for the  
17 Self Oil Company, where he continued to be one of the most  
18 experienced and revered pilots in Southern Illinois and was  
19 able to teach many young pilots how to fly; and

20 WHEREAS, Lyle Endicott was happily married for 72 years to  
21 Annie prior to her death in 2016; they raised one son, Stanton,

1 and one daughter, Vicki; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we commend Lyle Gordon Endicott for his unwavering service to  
5 our nation in the United States Navy and for his contributions  
6 to the economy and people of Woodlawn; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Lyle Endicott as a symbol of our respect and  
9 esteem.