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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the 50th anniversary of the passing of Specialist Gary Lee Holian, who died for his country on August 12, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Holian was born in Chicago to Joseph R. and Elaine J. Holian on December 8, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Holian began his tour in Vietnam on October 23, 1970 as part of the Aero Rifle Platoon, D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division and achieved the rank of Specialist Four before the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Holian received numerous awards for his service, including the Purple Heart Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal with One Service Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Holian fought bravely for his country in the Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam before he was killed in action by a 122MM rocket that was fired at his helicopter on August 12, 1971; and

1           WHEREAS, Specialist Holian's final resting place is in the  
2 Mount Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we recognize the passing of Specialist Gary Lee Holian on the  
6 50th anniversary of his death and express our sincere  
7 gratitude for his service to those who mourn his loss, his  
8 family, his friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Spec. Holian.