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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Montford Point Marine Association held its
3 40th annual national convention in Chicago on July 16, 2005;
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WHEREAS, Chicago was the site of the Montford Point
6 Association's very first convention in 1966; the Chicago
7 chapter of the Montford Point Marine Association is the second
8 oldest of the organization's 28 chapters; and

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WHEREAS, The Montford Point Marine Association is a
10 nonprofit veteran's organization, established to perpetuate
11 the legacy of the first African Americans who entered the
12 United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1949, at Montford Point
13 Camp, New River, North Carolina; and

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WHEREAS, Membership in the Association is open to veterans
15 and active members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces
16 regardless of race, creed, or national origin; and

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WHEREAS, The purpose of the Association is to support
18 educational assistance programs, veterans programs, and
19 promotion of community services; the Association works to
20 improve the social conditions of our nation's veterans, local
21 families, youth, and the growing population of senior citizens;
22 therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we congratulate the Montford Point Marine Association on the
26 occasion of its 40th annual national convention; and be it
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RESOLVED, That we recognize the Montford Point Marine
29 Association for its longtime service to the nation's veterans

1 and for its members' sacrificial service in our U.S. Armed
2 Forces; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the Montford Point Marine Association as an
5 expression of our esteem.