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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are honored to recognize Herman Calvert of Olney when he turns 80 on October 14, 2006; and

WHEREAS, He was born in 1926 and spent the 1930's growing up in Jasper County along the Embarras River; he was drafted into the United States Army in 1950, earning two bronze stars while serving in both North and South Korea; in 1953 he returned to Jasper County where he began a life of farming and raising cattle; and

WHEREAS, He is known nationwide for his collection of Model T Ford cars and his passion of collecting antiques; he would enter his restored 1916 Model T Ford in the annual Newport, Indiana, Hill Climb winning it in both 1977 and 1978; and

WHEREAS, In July 2003, he stood on the 38th parallel that separates North and South Korea for the 50th anniversary of the cease-fire that ended the war; and

WHEREAS, Friends will gather to celebrate the historic life of this true war hero on October 14, 2006; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Herman Calvert on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and we extend our sincere best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to him as an expression of our esteem.