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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former
4 State Representative and former director of the Illinois
5 Department of Veterans Affairs James R. "Bud" Washburn of
6 Morris, who passed away on August 8, 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, Bud Washburn was born on April 25, 1921 in Morris,
8 the son of Russell V. and Jennie E. Hutchison Washburn; he
9 attended Morris schools, and graduated from Morris High School
10 in 1939; he attended North Central College and the University
11 of Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, Bud Washburn served in the United States Marine
13 Corp during World War II; he attained the rank of Major while
14 serving as a torpedo bomber pilot aboard the Salerno Bay
15 Aircraft Carrier in the Pacific Theater; and

16 WHEREAS, From 1946 to 1950 Bud Washburn served as the
17 Grundy County Treasurer; from 1951 to 1979 he served in
18 Springfield, including five terms as State Representative; he
19 served as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and
20 was elected minority leader during his last term; he also
21 served as Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans
22 Affairs from 1977 to 1979; and

1 WHEREAS, He was elected the Mayor of Morris and served from
2 1981 to 1993; he served as the Chairman of the Upper Illinois
3 River Valley Authority from 1990 to 1997; he served as a member
4 of Governor Edgar's Veterans Advisory Board; he served as a
5 member of the Grundy County Republican Central Committee for
6 thirty years, and served ten years as its chairman; and

7 WHEREAS, Bud Washburn was a member of Happy Hill Aerie
8 #1024 F.O.E., the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #967, the Morris
9 American Legion Post #294, the Morris AmVets Post #53, the
10 Disabled American Veterans Chapter #86, the John Martin Steele
11 Post #6049 V.F.W., the U.S. Marine Corp Aviation Association,
12 the U.S. Marine Corp League, the Grundy County 40 & 8 Chapter
13 #1195, and the Morris Kiwanis Club; and

14 WHEREAS, Bud Washburn was preceded in death by his parents
15 and his sisters, Gladys Davis and Dorothy Hermanson; and

16 WHEREAS, The passing of James R. "Bud" Washburn will be
17 deeply felt by all those who knew and loved him, especially his
18 sons, William D. (Laura) Washburn and William R. (Jody) Norman;
19 his daughters, Heather (Jeffrey) Yount and Janice Coop; his
20 twelve grandchildren; his four great-grandchildren; and
21 several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of James
4 R. "Bud" Washburn; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of James R. "Bud" Washburn as a symbol
7 of our sincere sympathy.