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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 United States Representative from Illinois Henry Hyde, who
5 passed away on November 29, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Henry John Hyde was born in Chicago on April 18,
7 1924, where he was an all-city basketball center; he was a
8 Republican member of the United States House of Representatives
9 since 1975, representing the 6th District of Illinois, and
10 retired in early 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, Henry Hyde attended Duke University, graduated
12 with a Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in
13 Washington, D.C., and obtained his law degree from Loyola
14 University; he served in the United States Navy, enlisting on
15 November 11, 1942; he attended the Navy V-12 Program at Duke
16 University and Notre Dame University, attended Midshipman's
17 School in 1943-44, was a commissioned Ensign, USNR, October,
18 1944, and served in the South Pacific, New Guinea, and in
19 combat in the Philippines until August 1946; he served in the
20 U.S. Naval Reserves from 1946-68 and retired at the rank of
21 Commander after serving as officer in charge, U.S. Naval
22 Intelligence Reserve Unit, Chicago; and

1 WHEREAS, Before serving in Congress, Henry Hyde also served
2 in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1966 through
3 1974; during that time, Representative Hyde was one of its most
4 outspoken and articulate debaters, rising to majority leader;
5 in 1974, longtime GOP Representative Harold Collier retired
6 from the suburban 6th Congressional District and Henry Hyde ran
7 for the vacated seat, winning with 53 percent of the vote; and

8 WHEREAS, Sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives in
9 1975, Congressman Hyde was regarded as a strong and respected
10 leader by members of both sides of the aisle; during his
11 tenure, he worked to improve the lives of seniors, veterans,
12 children, working families, and small business owners; and

13 WHEREAS, Congressman Hyde, as chairman of the House
14 International Relations Committee, played a vital role in the
15 war on terrorism; and

16 WHEREAS, Henry J. Hyde is survived by his three children
17 and four grandchildren; he was preceded in death by his wife,
18 Jeanne Simpson; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 express our condolences to the family, friends, and those who
22 remember with respect former Congressman Henry J. Hyde; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of former Congressman Henry J. Hyde as
4 an expression of our sincere sympathy.