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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to thank Donald Futymoski for his  
4 dedicated service to his nation in the battle of Iwo Jima  
5 during World War II; and

6           WHEREAS, The battle of Iwo Jima began on February 19, 1945  
7 as a push into one of Japan's final strongholds in the Pacific  
8 region; the U.S. invasion began with a Marine force of over  
9 30,000 soldiers, with 40,000 more Marines following throughout  
10 the battle; by the battle's end, the U.S. Marines suffered  
11 27,909 casualties, with 6,825 Marines killed during the  
12 assault; of the 21,000 Japanese embedded at Iwo Jima, only 297  
13 were still living by the battle's end; and

14           WHEREAS, Donald Futymoski entered active service with the  
15 U.S. Marine Corps on December 22, 1943; after training at the  
16 Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California, he was  
17 assigned to the Headquarters Company of the 2nd Battalion, 28th  
18 Marines of the 5th Marine Division for training at Camp Tarawa,  
19 Hawaii; and

20           WHEREAS, Donald Futymoski and his battalion landed on Iwo  
21 Jima on February 19, 1945, with the third wave during D-Day;  
22 during the course of the battle, he was slightly wounded in his

1 ankle but refused medical attention; and

2 WHEREAS, After leaving Iwo Jima at the battle's end, Donald  
3 Futymoski returned to Camp Tarawa; he then participated in the  
4 occupation of the Japanese mainland from November 30, 1945  
5 until June 14, 1946, when he returned to the United States; on  
6 February 9, 1947, he was honorably discharged with the rank of  
7 Corporal; and

8 WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge, Donald Futymoski  
9 worked for a construction company and a sprinkler company; he  
10 also served with the Aurora Fire Department for over 22 years;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Donald Futymoski is a member of numerous  
13 organizations, including the Marine Corps League (Fox Valley  
14 Detachment 1233), the Phoenix Club in Aurora, the Veterans of  
15 Foreign Wars in Montgomery, the American Legion in Sugar Grove,  
16 and the Moose in St. Charles; and

17 WHEREAS, Donald Futymoski and his wife of 55 years,  
18 Margaret, have two children, William and Scott, and two  
19 grandchildren, Jennifer and Heather; and

20 WHEREAS, Donald Futymoski's great courage and devotion to  
21 his country are worthy of the greatest respect; therefore, be

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 thank Donald Futymoski for his dedicated service to his nation  
5 in the battle of Iwo Jima during World War II and wish him the  
6 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Donald Futymoski as a symbol of our esteem and  
9 respect.