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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Colonel Andrew O. Starr, of the United States  
3 Marine Corps, is a native son of the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Colonel Starr was raised in Lake Forest and  
5 attended Lake Forest College, graduating with a Bachelor of  
6 Arts in History; and

7 WHEREAS, He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather  
8 and his Uncle Tom, who had served in the Marines Corps during  
9 World War I and World War II, respectively; in May of 1984, he  
10 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from the Ground Officer Supply  
12 School, he was assigned as the Maintenance Float officer and  
13 later Supply Officer for Marine Air Control Squadron 4,  
14 Okinawa; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon his return stateside in 1987, he was assigned  
16 as Weapons Control Officer, Material Division, at the Marine  
17 Corps Logistic Base in Albany, Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, In June of 1990, he returned to Illinois and was  
19 assigned as the Marine Corps Liaison Officer at the Rock Island  
20 Arsenal; during Operation Desert Storm, he worked closely with

1 Army personnel ensuring the right weapons systems were deployed  
2 to those on the front lines; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1993, he was selected to attend Amphibious  
4 Warfare School in Quantico, Virginia; after completion of  
5 school, Captain Starr served as Supply Officer with the 24th  
6 Marine Expeditionary Unit; in March of 1995, Captain Starr was  
7 stationed aboard the USS Kearsarge LHD 3) during her maiden  
8 voyage; while deployed in the Mediterranean Sea, during the war  
9 in Bosnia, the USS Kearsarge was given the task to rescue  
10 downed Air Force pilot Captain Scott O'Grady after he was shot  
11 down over Bosnia; the quick planning and reaction of the  
12 Marines and Sailors, in which Captain Starr played an integral  
13 role, determined the rescue of Captain O'Grady; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1996, Major Starr was transferred to the  
15 Installations and Logistics Department at the Headquarters of  
16 the U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, D.C., to assume duties;  
17 after his tour of duty stateside, Lt. Colonel Starr was  
18 deployed overseas to the III Marine Expeditionary Force,  
19 Okinawa, to assume his duties as Deputy G-4; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2002, he was stationed at Scott Air Force Base  
21 under a joint command as a Strategic Mobility Staff Officer; in  
22 October of 2004, Lt. Col. Starr was assigned to U.S. Central  
23 Command, and was assigned to CENTCOM's Deployment,

1 Distribution, and Operations Center in Kuwait to manage airlift  
2 requirements for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring  
3 Freedom in Afghanistan, and Horn of Africa Contingency  
4 operations until March of 2006; during this time he traveled to  
5 many of the globe's "hot spots" during the ongoing War on  
6 Terror, bringing his personal powers of persuasion, expertise,  
7 and knowledge to ensure the troops in combat were getting the  
8 proper supplies; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2005, Lt. Colonel Starr returned to Marine  
10 Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C., to assume duties as  
11 Operations Officer Life Cycle Branch; in 2008 he went to the  
12 Marine Corps Base at Quantico to assume duties as the Base G-4;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, During Colonel Andrew O. Starr's long career in  
15 the Marine Corps, he has served in duty stations and ports of  
16 call spanning the globe, from the United States to the Orient  
17 and "East of Suez"; he has earned awards and decorations from  
18 the Marines, Navy, Army, and NATO, but more importantly, he has  
19 earned the respect of all those he has served with that proudly  
20 wear the Globe and Anchor; in life, Colonel Starr embraces the  
21 motto of the United States Marine Corps, Semper Fidelis, and we  
22 wish him "Fair Winds And Following Seas"; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we congratulate Colonel Andrew Starr on his retirement and wish  
3 him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Colonel Andrew Starr as a symbol of our respect  
6 and esteem.