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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 Jesse L.
4 Lewis, who passed away on April 13, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Jesse Lewis attended the University of Maryland
6 United States Army Satellite Campus; and

7 WHEREAS, Jesse Lewis retired from the United States Army in
8 June of 1998 after 23 years of service, having attained the
9 rank of sergeant first class; he participated in the Gulf War,
10 Operation Desert Shield, and Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait
11 and Saudi Arabia and was stationed in Germany, South Korea,
12 Hawaii, South Carolina, and Texas; following his service in the
13 Army, he relocated back to Waukegan in 2008 with his wife; and

14 WHEREAS, Jesse Lewis worked for the Black Chamber of
15 Commerce of Lake County as a Program Coordinator and as an OSHA
16 and National Safety County Work Zone Safety (flagger)
17 Authorized Trainer for 3 years; during that time, he trained
18 and certified over 200 students of the Pre-Apprenticeship
19 Construction Training Program and over 150 students within the
20 Lake County community in OSHA-30 and work zone safety; he also
21 trained and instructed 108 students for the Transportation
22 Construction Apprenticeship Readiness Training, Referral and

1 Intermodal Placement Program and served as a
2 trainer/instructor for the Urban Weatherization Institution
3 and the Freeport Housing Authority; and

4 WHEREAS, Jesse Lewis served as President and CEO of Veteran
5 Voices of Lake County, a non-profit organization to provide
6 resources and networks for veterans seeking support services;
7 he served as Vice President of Lewis Business Services and was
8 a board member of This Little Light of Mine Early Learning
9 Academy; he was also a member of the Armed Forces Benefits
10 Association, the Disabled Army Veterans Association, the Black
11 Chamber of Commerce of Lake County, the National Safety
12 Council, and the OSHA Training Institute and was a passionate
13 advocate for support services and benefits to veterans in Lake
14 County; and

15 WHEREAS, Jesse Lewis is survived by his wife, Lydia Lewis,
16 and his son, Dwayne Lewis; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
20 Jesse L. Lewis; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Jesse Lewis as an expression of our

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