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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel
4 Katherine Hayes of Joliet on the occasion of her 100th birthday
5 on October 8, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Hayes was born in 1914 on the Baltz
7 family farm in Troy Township, Shorewood; she attended Cathedral
8 of St. Raymond Catholic School and graduated from Joliet
9 Township High School in the early 1930s; she graduated from
10 Passavant Memorial Hospital (now Northwestern Memorial
11 Hospital) in Chicago in 1935 and earned her Bachelor of Science
12 in Nursing from the University of Minnesota in 1940; and

13 WHEREAS, Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Lt. Col.
14 Hayes joined the Army as Chief Nurse of the United States Army
15 12th General Hospital in February of 1942; her experiences
16 included combat service from 1942 to 1945 in North Africa and
17 Italy, during which time she earned 5 battle stars; Chief
18 Nurse, Ashford General Army Hospital at White Sulphur Springs,
19 West Virginia from 1945 to 1946; Deputy Chief, Nursing
20 Division, Office of the Surgeon General from 1946 to 1950;
21 Chief Nurse, Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D.C.
22 from 1951 to 1954; Chief Nurse, Landstuhl Medical Center,
23 Germany from 1954 to 1957; Chief Nursing Service at Fort George

1 G. Meade, Maryland in 1957; and Chief Nurse, Nurse Management
2 Office and Nurse Instructor at the US Army Hospital, Fort Ord,
3 California from 1957 to 1961; she retired from the Army Nurses
4 Corp in 1962; and

5 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Hayes's contributions to health care and
6 the nursing industry led to such advancements as separate
7 pediatric and female wards, centralized immunizations and
8 injection treatment clinics, modern intensive care units, and
9 the publication of professional and technical manuals related
10 to nursing resulting in increased efficiencies and reduced
11 costs; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1985, Lt. Col. Hayes was a generous benefactor
13 towards establishing the Army Medical Department Museum to
14 ensure the history and reputation of the Army Medical
15 Department for future generations; and

16 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Hayes was selected as a member of the
17 esteemed Order of Military Medical Merit - Medal #357; the
18 award recognizes United States Army medical personnel who have
19 demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral
20 character, and who have made significant contributions to the
21 Army Medical Department Center; only 357 individuals have been
22 recognized to receive this award; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Katherine Hayes on her 100th
4 birthday, thank her for her service to her country, and wish
5 many more wonderful years; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Lt. Col. Hayes as an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.