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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Raymundo R. Luna, a member of the United States Army, a veteran of the Vietnam War, and an equal opportunity advocate, passed away on June 2, 2015 at Morris Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, In May of 1957, Raymundo Luna graduated from the ROTC program at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas and was commissioned as a second lieutenant of field artillery in the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, After serving his beloved country for 20 years, Raymundo Luna retired proudly at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1979; and

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WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Raymundo Luna was awarded 2 Bronze Stars after two tours of duty in Vietnam, serving in 1965 and 1966 with the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One) and in 1971 and 1972 with the 54th General Support Group; he also earned a Parachutist Badge, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry; and

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WHEREAS, After Lt. Col. Raymundo Luna's highly esteemed military career, he served as an Equal Opportunity Specialist with the federal government in Chicago; he was then hired by the United States Army Corps of Engineers as an Equal

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1 Opportunity Officer; after passing the Illinois State Bar Exam  
2 in 1985, he joined the Illinois Department of Human Rights as a  
3 Staff Attorney; and

4 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Raymundo Luna was later promoted to Chief  
5 Legal Counsel, a position he kept within the Department of  
6 Human Rights for 8 years until his retirement in 2011 at the  
7 age of 78; and

8 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Raymundo Luna was preceded in death by  
9 his parents, Felix and Francisca Luna; 2 brothers, Felix, Jr.  
10 and Cecilio Luna; and 2 sisters, Isidra Sanchez and Maria  
11 Rodriguez; and

12 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Raymundo Luna is survived by his beloved  
13 wife of 53 years, Joan K. Luna; he was the proud father of  
14 Raymundo, Kirk, Timothy, and Jennifer; the loving grandfather  
15 of Thomas, Rangel, Erika, Cameron, and Ryan; the dear brother  
16 of Jesus, Severiano, Soledad, and Felipa; and the uncle of many  
17 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 honor Lieutenant Colonel Raymundo R. Luna as a great  
21 countryman, loving husband, father, grandfather, and loyal  
22 friend and neighbor and pay tribute to his esteemed service to

1 his country, his community, and his family; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Lt. Col. Raymundo Luna as a symbol  
4 of our esteem and respect for this remarkable man.