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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in  
4 the lives of Illinois citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Lynn Gorden  
6 Caulk celebrated his 95th Birthday this past summer; and

7 WHEREAS, Lynn Caulk was born to Robert and Essie Caulk on  
8 July 6, 1920, the 9th of 13 children; Lynn's father passed away  
9 when Lynn was 21 years old, leaving him to assist his mother  
10 with the upkeep of her home; he helped financially support his  
11 family and care for his 4 younger siblings; and

12 WHEREAS, Lynn Caulk graduated from Witt High School in 1938  
13 and began working at a foundry in Schram City, manufacturing  
14 carburetors; and

15 WHEREAS, Lynn Caulk entered the United States Army on  
16 October 1, 1942, serving as a machine gunner in the 33rd  
17 Infantry, Heavy Weapons Division; he was stationed in the South  
18 Pacific for 39 months in combat without leave until his  
19 discharge on December 22, 1945; and

20 WHEREAS, Upon his return from service to his country, Lynn

1     Caulk went to work at Eagle Pitcher; he then went to work for  
2     Illinois Power in 1950 until his retirement as Line Crew  
3     Foreman in August of 1982; and

4           WHEREAS, Lynn Caulk married Rose Reck on January 31, 1948  
5     and they were blessed with 3 children, Roger, Rose Ann, and  
6     Penny; he remained married to Rose for 50 years until her death  
7     in 1998; and

8           WHEREAS, Lynn Caulk moved to the Rochester area in November  
9     of 1996 to be near his daughters, Penny and Rose Ann; he later  
10    moved to Springfield, where he shuttled cars to auction sites  
11    for various automobile dealerships in the area; he continued  
12    driving until the age of 90; and

13           WHEREAS, Lynn Caulk found love again late in life with  
14    Claire Papai; after 17 years together, the 2 spend their time  
15    playing cards, traveling, reading, and enjoying their golden  
16    years together; and

17           WHEREAS, Lynn Caulk has 6 grandchildren and 4  
18    great-grandchildren; he is still an active card player and is  
19    an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Illini basketball  
20    teams; in his spare time, he enjoys walking, reading, and  
21    working on Sudoku puzzles; and

1           WHEREAS, Lynn Caulk is highly respected in his community  
2 and deeply loved by his family; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 recognize and honor Lynn Gorden Caulk for his contributions to  
6 his community and our nation; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Lynn Caulk as an expression of our esteem and  
9 respect.