

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to recognize the citizens who have
4 answered our nation's call to defend our freedoms against all
5 enemies; and

6 WHEREAS, Five Schmeisser brothers served in World War II
7 variously from 1939 to 1946, all earning honorable discharges
8 and returning to Chicago, their hometown; three of the
9 brothers were in the Civilian Conservation Corps prior to
10 joining the armed services; and

11 WHEREAS, John, the oldest brother, was drafted into the
12 Army when he was over 40 years old; he served at a prisoner
13 of war camp in California; and

14 WHEREAS, Elmer served in the Aleutian Islands with the
15 U.S. Army; and

16 WHEREAS, Melvin joined the Air Force and was stationed in
17 England from 1942 on; and

18 WHEREAS, Irving was a soldier with the Army in the Battle
19 of the Bulge; and

20 WHEREAS, Harold served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific
21 and was the last brother to be discharged; he later enlisted
22 in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany; and

23 WHEREAS, A younger brother was not in the armed services
24 because his older brothers were in the armed services;
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we express our heartfelt gratitude to John, Elmer, Melvin,
29 Irving, and Harold Schmeisser for their service during World
30 War II to protect and preserve the freedoms all of us enjoy

1 today; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 delivered to the Schmeisser family as an expression of our
4 respect and esteem.