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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to recognize Army Specialist Marcus Moore 4 for his service; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Moore joined the United States Army in 6 2006; after nearly a decade of service, he was honorably 7 discharged in 2014 and is considered a hero; and

WHEREAS, While serving in combat duty in Iraq, Specialist Moore was severely injured when his unit was ambushed; his Humvee struck an IED, and then enemy insurgents opened fire; he and his team hid behind his truck for cover, but his back and ankle were badly injured from the blast; he was airlifted to Germany, where he spent three months in recovery; his experiences in Iraq have left him with severe PTSD; and

WHEREAS, For his service to his country, Specialist Moore has been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal; he and his family are also receiving a home in Steger from the nonprofit organization, Building Homes for Heroes; and

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WHEREAS, Building Homes for Heroes is strongly committed to rebuilding lives and supporting the brave men and women who were injured while serving the country during the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan; since 2006, the organization has been at the forefront of making a significant difference by building or modifying homes and gifting them, mortgage free, to veterans and their families; these homes not only help to remove the family's financial burden, but they also help to restore the individual's freedom and enable the veteran to lead a more independent and productive civilian life; and

WHEREAS, The United States Army has guarded our freedom and has played a role in making families successful and helping communities thrive, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policymakers, and, of course, individuals and families themselves; it is an honor to support the men and women who have loyally and courageously served our country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Army Specialist Marcus Moore for his service, and we congratulate him on receiving a home from Building Homes for Heroes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Specialist Moore as an expression of our esteem

2 and respect.