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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend Thomas Butler on a lifetime of service; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Butler was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 17, 1964; in 1983, he graduated from Barrington High School and enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps; following the footsteps of his father James Butler, he served as a proud U.S. Marine and was in one of the first units to land in Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; while serving in the Marines, he obtained his associate's degree in political science; he was honorably discharged in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Butler began working for a hotel and casino chain as a security officer; in 1994, he attended the ALETA Police Academy in Tucson, Arizona and served in law enforcement for approximately seven years in Mohave County, Arizona; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Butler and his family moved to Idaho, and he began working for the sheriff's department in Gem County, Idaho; he also started working for the Albertson's grocery chain, where he became a manager; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Butler joined the Idaho National Guard

1 after the attacks on September 11, 2001 so that he could once
2 again serve his country; he was deployed to Iraq, where he was
3 wounded by an improvised explosive device (IED) while on a foot
4 patrol in Kirkuk; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Butler recovered and obtained his Bachelor
6 of Science in Business Administration and Management; he become
7 a recruiter for the Army National Guard; and

8 WHEREAS, Thomas Butler has received a number of awards and
9 citations during his military career, including the Purple
10 Heart (Army Service), the Idaho Cross (Army Service), the Army
11 Commendation Medal (Army Service), the Combat Action Badge
12 (Army Service), the Navy Achievement Medal (Marine Corps
13 Service), the Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal (Army
14 Service), the Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal (Marine
15 Corps Service), two Navy Unit Commendation Medals (Marine Corps
16 Service), the Combat Action Ribbon (Marines Corps Service),
17 four Southwest Asia Service Ribbons (Marine Corps Service and
18 Army Service), the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal awarded by Saudi
19 Arabia (Marine Corps Service), the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal
20 awarded by Kuwait (Marine Corps Service), three Marine Good
21 Conduct Medals, five Army Good Conduct Medals, three Marine
22 Overseas Service Deployment Ribbons, the Army Overseas Service
23 Ribbon, the Volunteer Community Service Medal (Idaho Army
24 National Guard Service), two National Defense Medals (Marine

1 Corps and Army Service), the Iraqi Campaign Medal (Army
2 Service), the Global War Terrorism Medal (Army Service), the
3 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces
4 Expeditionary Medal (Army Service), the Army Overseas Service
5 Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Army Service), the
6 Idaho Service Ribbon (Idaho Army National Guard Service), three
7 Idaho Reenlistment Ribbons (Idaho Army National Guard), two
8 Basic and Advanced Leadership Ribbons (Idaho Army National
9 Guard), 12 Expert Rifle Badges, 15 Expert Pistol Badges, and
10 the Basic, Senior, and Master Badges in Recruiting and
11 Retention; and

12 WHEREAS, Thomas Butler resides in Emmett, Idaho with his
13 wife; they have six children, and serving their country has
14 become a family affair; five out of his six children are in the
15 National Guard; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commend Thomas Butler on a lifetime of service; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Thomas Butler as a symbol of our respect and
22 esteem.