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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate U.S. Army Captain Lorenzo Smith III of Kankakee on being part of the U.S. Olympic bobsled team that placed sixth at the XX Winter Olympiad in Torino, Italy; while participating in the Olympics, he kept in touch with his hometown of Kankakee through a diary link on the internet with Noel LeVasseur school; and

WHEREAS, He has been competing in the bobsled event since 2002 and served as a pusher on team USA-2 at the Olympics; he was an integral part of the U.S. team during the 2004-05 season when he raced with talented veterans Mike Kohn, Steve Holcomb, and Todd Hayes; his best result during that "breakout" campaign was a fourth-place finish he helped secure in Lake Placid, New York, with Mr. Holcomb, Ben Fogel, and Jason Ross; and

WHEREAS, Captain Smith is an air defense artillery officer and a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete program; he entered the Army on May 27, 2000, and completed his officer basic course in February 2001; he served in Korea as a tactical control officer and at Fort Carson as an assistant operations officer prior to his assignment to the Army World Class Athlete program; and

WHEREAS, He attended Kankakee High School in Kankakee and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management from the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, At the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, he was a two-time Patriot League champion in the sprinting events while a member of the Black Knights' track and field team; his name still appears on three of the Army's all-time Top 10 lists, including the 60-meter and 100-meter

1 dashes and the 4x100-meter relay; he helped set the Academy
2 record in the 4x100-meter relay during the 2000 outdoor season;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Captain Lorenzo Smith III of Kankakee on
7 representing our State by being part of the U.S. Olympic
8 bobsled team that placed sixth at the XX Winter Olympiad; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Captain Smith as an expression of our esteem.