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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate United States Army
4 Private First Class Thomas Leonard of Aurora, as he returns
5 home from his tour of duty in Afghanistan; and

6 WHEREAS, He is a Combat Engineer with the 2nd Engineer
7 Battalion based in White Sands, New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, His job is to clear the paths and roadways of IEDs
9 and bombs; and

10 WHEREAS, Private Leonard was injured in an IED explosion on
11 September 19, 2010 that also critically injured another
12 soldier; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite his own injuries, Private Leonard saw that
14 his fellow soldier was in need of assistance and rendered aid,
15 saving the soldier's life; and

16 WHEREAS, For his actions, Private Leonard was awarded the
17 Purple Heart, and received an Army Commendation Medal with
18 Valor from United States Army General David Petraeus; and

19 WHEREAS, Private Leonard is the son of Kathy Leonard; he

1 has a daughter, Annabelle Skye Leonard; he graduated from
2 Kaneland High School and has lived in Aurora for the past six
3 years; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Private First Class Thomas Leonard on his
7 return home and thank him for proudly serving his country in
8 Afghanistan; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Private First Class Thomas Leonard as a symbol of
11 our respect and esteem.