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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Navy League of the United States was established by President Teddy Roosevelt; and

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WHEREAS, The United States Navy is second to none in the entire world; and

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WHEREAS, The United States Navy will be launching and commissioning ten LCS cruiser ships within the next few years to join the fleet under the Freedom class; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Aurora, Illinois, also called the City of Lights, is now the second largest city within the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Aurora, consisting of diversified industries, considers itself a blue collar town, where many have been the first to volunteer to serve their country; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Aurora lost an inordinate number of military personnel in comparison to its population in combat during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Aurora, in succeeding conflicts, contributed men and materials in the protection of the United

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1 States as each instance warranted; and

2 WHEREAS, The City of Aurora continues to send men and women
3 to serve the United States of America; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of Aurora is proud of the fact that East
5 Aurora High School has the largest JNROTC naval program in the
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The Aurora Council of the Navy League, at its
8 monthly meeting on January 18, 2011, approved a resolution to
9 be adopted which stated that the citizens of Aurora would be
10 honored to have one of the new commissioned ships be named USS
11 Aurora; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the President
14 and the Secretary of the Navy to name one of the new LCS
15 cruiser ships under construction as the USS Aurora in honor of
16 the City of Aurora and its many contributions to the welfare of
17 the nation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be given
19 to the President and the Secretary of the Navy.