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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate A.J. Epenesa on being
4 named the Defensive Most Valuable Player in the inaugural
5 Polynesian Bowl at Aloha Stadium on January 21, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, A.J. Epenesa, a senior at Edwardsville High School
7 and an All-American defensive end, racked up two sacks, five
8 tackles, and two forced fumbles in the Polynesian Bowl; and

9 WHEREAS, A.J. Epenesa played in the United States Army
10 All-American game; he earned first-team all-state honors for
11 three seasons in high school; he is one of the nation's best
12 discus throwers and has scored more than 1,000 points as a
13 basketball player; and

14 WHEREAS, A.J. Epenesa will attend the University of Iowa
15 and play football for the Hawkeyes, where his father played
16 before him; and

17 WHEREAS, A.J. Epenesa is a role model for the Edwardsville
18 community and the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 congratulate A.J. Epenesa on being named the Defensive Most
2 Valuable Player in the inaugural Polynesian Bowl at Aloha
3 Stadium, and we wish him the best as he attends the University
4 of Iowa next fall; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to A.J. Epenesa as a symbol of our respect and
7 esteem.