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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to recognize John Strugala as he prepares 4 to march in the American Veterans Center's National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on May 30, 2016; and 5 6 WHEREAS, 25 years ago, U.S. Army Specialist John Strugala 7 of Spring Valley, was one of over 600,000 service members who 8 took part in Operation Desert Storm; he left friends and family 9 behind to serve the nation and secure a victory for freedom; 10 and WHEREAS, John Strugala enlisted in 1988, serving with C 11 Battery, 3/82 Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry; he retired as a 12 13 Staff Sergeant in April of 2008 after 20 years of service; he 14 spent his whole military career as a firefighter; and 15 WHEREAS, As the 25th anniversary approaches, John Strugala and more than 500 other Operation Desert Storm veterans have 16 17 been invited to reunite and march in the National Memorial Day 18 Parade; and 19 WHEREAS, John Strugala is married to Renee, and they have

three kids, Raimey Heinze, Kyle Vogel, and Kierra Vogel; and

- 1 WHEREAS, John Strugala and other veterans are marching to
- 2 teach Americans about the service and sacrifice made by all
- 3 veterans of Operation Desert Storm; therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 6 recognize John Strugala as he prepares to march in the American
- 7 Veterans Center's National Memorial Day Parade in Washington,
- 8 D.C. on May 30, 2016; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 10 presented to John Strugala as an expression of our esteem and
- 11 respect.