



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hundreds of volunteers throughout the Bureau,
3 Putnam, and LaSalle County portions of the Illinois Valley have
4 done a tremendous job of organizing and completing Project
5 Santa Adopt-A-Soldier; and

6 WHEREAS, Project Santa has delivered 11,576 stockings to
7 U.S. soldiers; U.S. Army moms Kathy Cattani of Ladd and Heidi
8 Milner are the main leaders of Project Santa; and

9 WHEREAS, Sue Friend, Colleen DeArcos, Deb Abney, and Gail
10 Sims are key volunteers in Project Santa; and

11 WHEREAS, Boxes and boxes of stockings stuffed with holiday
12 treats from Project Santa have and are arriving on a daily
13 basis in such faraway places as Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan,
14 Germany, and other areas; in addition to the stockings going to
15 the soldiers on current duty in Iraq, stockings are also going
16 to wounded soldiers at military medical facilities; and

17 WHEREAS, The community's generosity has allowed Project
18 Santa to reach many more soldiers than originally thought
19 possible; and

20 WHEREAS, Another organization that has been instrumental
21 in helping with the Project Santa efforts is "Soldiers'
22 Angels"; at its web site, individuals or groups can adopt a
23 soldier by offering letters and packages from home to
24 individuals who would not otherwise receive any communication
25 from anyone; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we commend Project Santa Adopt-A-Soldier on its Christmas
29 outreach efforts to our American soldiers, and we are thankful

1 for the labor of love by the U.S. Army moms and volunteers of
2 Project Santa and the continuing generosity of the community;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Project Santa Adopt-A-Soldier as an expression of
6 our admiration and esteem.