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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Captain Ken Madsen, a native of Bloomingdale, on being named Top Flight Lead of the 494th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron on their deployment to southwest Asia and on being named Wingman of the Year for the squadron; and

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WHEREAS, As a young man Ken Madsen knew he wanted to be in the sky; after graduation from St. Walter School in Roselle and Driscoll Catholic High School in Addison, he began a training program to become a United States Air Force F15E fighter jet pilot; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Madsen graduated from the ROTC program at the University of Illinois-Urbana in 2002 and immediately entered the Air Force officer training program; and

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WHEREAS, He first learned to pilot T37 transport jets, then he graduated to a T38 jet; because he did so well he was again advanced to fly the F15 Strike Eagle at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Georgia; and

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WHEREAS, The 494th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron has flown 970 combat sorties and approximately 6,500 total flying

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1 hours; they have flown 890 missions in support of Operation
2 Iraqi Freedom, 82 missions supporting Operation Enduring
3 Freedom, 62 total weapons expenditures, and dropped
4 approximately 34,000 pounds of munitions; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Captain Ken Madsen on being named Top Flight Lead
8 of the 494th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron on their deployment
9 to southwest Asia and on being named Wingman of the Year for
10 the squadron; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Captain Ken Madsen as a symbol of our respect and
13 esteem.