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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Joseph Kessler of Danville on being named the Illinois National Guard's Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Kessler is a freshman at Danville High School; in the past year, he logged more than 2,000 hours volunteering in various ways to assist families whose loved ones have been deployed through the military or are preparing for deployment; and

WHEREAS, In his efforts to assist the families, Joseph has been found carrying groceries, babysitting, and doing various other odd jobs; he has been doing this kind of volunteer work for the past 4 years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph comes from a military family; his father has been deployed 7 times since Joseph was 18 months old, most recently to Operation Desert Storm, so Joseph can relate to the families that he helps; and

WHEREAS, His mother, Anne Kessler, works for Military Personnel Services Corp., a private company that contracts with the military to provide support services to families with relatives in the military, which provided the initial inspiration for Joseph to begin his volunteer efforts; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Joseph Kessler of Danville on being named the Illinois National Guard's Youth of the Year, and we thank him for his unselfish efforts to help his fellow citizens of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Joseph Kessler as an expression of our respect and
3 esteem for his outstanding volunteer efforts.