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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate John P. Meschi of  
4 Lombard on the occasion of being named the December 2010  
5 Illinois Veteran of the Month by the Illinois Department of  
6 Veterans Affairs; and

7           WHEREAS, The Illinois Veteran of the Month award is given  
8 by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans who  
9 contribute to the betterment of communities throughout the  
10 State of Illinois; and

11           WHEREAS, John Meschi served in the United States Marine  
12 Corps for 6 years; during his service, he served as a military  
13 policeman in the Philippines; he then served in Cuba during the  
14 Cuban Missile Crisis; he subsequently served in an infantry  
15 company at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, followed by a return  
16 to Cuba; toward the end of his tour, he served with an  
17 artillery unit as a driver; he then spent the last few months  
18 of service back at Camp Lejeune, where he served as a vehicle  
19 instructor; and

20           WHEREAS, John Meschi has been a member of the Marine Corps  
21 League for 24 years; he has served as Chairman of the group's  
22 Fundraising committee and is instrumental in the execution of

1 the League's many fundraising efforts; he also serves as the  
2 Veterans' Assistance Officer for his detachment and helps to  
3 organize many of the organization's charity events, such as  
4 monthly parties at the Hines V.A. Hospital and DuPage County  
5 Convalescent Center, Eagle Scout ceremonies, and food delivery  
6 programs; and

7 WHEREAS, John Meschi served as Chairman of the Marine Corps  
8 League's Toys-for-Tots committee for 12 years; during that  
9 time, annual toy collections rose from 3,000 to a high of  
10 100,000; he also spoke at numerous gatherings of donators and  
11 arranged numerous appearances of Reserve Marines for the  
12 program; he is also involved with the Sharing Connection, a  
13 local charity group that distributes toys in the Chicago area;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, John Meschi was designated Marine of the Year by  
16 the Marine Corps League in 1996 and 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, John Meschi serves as a model of hard work,  
18 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
19 Illinois; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 congratulate John P. Meschi on the occasion of being named the

1 December 2010 Illinois Veteran of the Month and wish him  
2 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to John Meschi as a symbol of our esteem and respect.