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2 WHEREAS, The Navy League of the United States was
3 established by President Teddy Roosevelt; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Navy is second to none in the
5 entire world; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Navy will be launching and
7 commissioning ten LCS cruiser ships within the next few years
8 to join the fleet under the Freedom class; and

9 WHEREAS, The City of Aurora, Illinois, also called the City
10 of Lights, is now the second largest city within the State of
11 Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, The City of Aurora, consisting of diversified
13 industries, considers itself a blue collar town, where many
14 have been the first to volunteer to serve their country; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Aurora lost an inordinate number of
16 military personnel in comparison to its population in combat
17 during World War II; and

18 WHEREAS, The City of Aurora, in succeeding conflicts,
19 contributed men and materials in the protection of the United

1 States as each instance warranted; and

2 WHEREAS, The City of Aurora continues to send men and women
3 to serve the United States of America; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of Aurora is proud of the fact that East
5 Aurora High School has the largest NJROTC naval program in the
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The Aurora Council of the Navy League, at its
8 monthly meeting on January 18, 2011, approved a resolution to
9 be adopted which stated that the citizens of Aurora would be
10 honored to have one of the new commissioned ships be named USS
11 Aurora; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we urge the President and the Secretary of the Navy to name one
15 of the new LCS cruiser ships under construction as the USS
16 Aurora in honor of the City of Aurora and its many
17 contributions to the welfare of the nation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be given
19 to the President and the Secretary of the Navy.