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## Legislation Text

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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes served his country with valor and great distinction as an infantryman in the United States Army, then later as a member of the elite United States Army Special Forces, more commonly known as the Green Berets; and

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes served as a Special Forces commander through three combat deployments totaling thirty-one months; and

WHEREAS,, Breg Hughes served two combat deployments in Iraq and the other in Afghanistan as a Company Executive Officer and Detachment Commander in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes suffered injuries from a mortar attack during his first combat deployment to the Al Anbar Province, Iraq in January 2006; and

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes was awarded his first Purple Heart for injuries sustained in this action; and

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes returned to the United States in February 2007 before deployment to Sadr City, Baghdad, in April 2008; and

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes' final deployment was to Afghanistan in January of 2012; and

WHEREAS, While deployed in Afghanistan on May 29, 2012 and just five days away from his scheduled return home, .Breg Hughes' Humvee was struck by a roadside bomb containing a fifty gallon drum of accelerant (fuel); and

WHEREAS, The deadly blast killed one person and injured five others; and

WHEREAS, Severely injured, Breg Hughes and his team extinguished the fire, and

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes sustained third-degree burns over fifty per cent of his body with inhalation injuries; and

WHEREAS, While Allison Hughes was giving birth to the couple's second son Gavin back home, Breg Hughes was being airlifted to The United States Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes requiired ten skin grafts and another six operations during a four month hospitalization that included two months in the intensive care unit; and

WHEREAS, Following her release from the hospital. Allison Hughes, also a veteran of Iraq conflict, reunited with her husband in San Antonio, Texas. She cared for Breg Hughes through his extensive recovery; and

WHEREAS, Breg Hughes is exceedingly worthy of our highest admiration and esteem; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this ninth day of November, 2016 do hereby express our sincere appreciation to Breg Hughes for his military service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Breg Hughes.