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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution recognizing Lance Corporal Tony Stevens on his completion of his second tour of duty in Iraq.

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Tony Stevens of the U.S. Marine Corps' 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment has served two tours of duty in Iraq and, remarkably, survived 10 separate bomb attacks in the "triangle of death" south of Baghdad, and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Stevens's deployment placed him in an area known for insurgents' use of what the U.S. military calls "improvised explosive devices," which include car bombs and bombs placed on and adjacent to roadways, and

WHEREAS, these bombs contribute to an injury rate of one in five Marines during their 6-month tours of duty in this area, and Lance Corporal Stevens's survival of 10 such explosions is considered a record, and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Stevens is a graduate of Keystone Heights High School where he was an outstanding athlete, and he was named Florida Class 3A High School Basketball Player of the Year in 1997, and

WHEREAS, after being drafted by the Minnesota Twins, he was playing for the Twins' Double-A New Britain, Connecticut, Rock Cats when the 9/11 attack led to his enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps, and

WHEREAS, those who personally know Lance Corporal Tony Stevens comment frequently on his courage, leadership qualities, sense of perspective, and concern for others, qualities that have served him and his fellow soldiers well as they serve our country in Iraq, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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3           That the Senate recognizes and commends Lance Corporal  
4 Tony Stevens on his enlistment in the Marine Corps and his  
5 courageous service to our country.

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