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INJURED U.S. ARMY VETERAN TO RECEIVE NEW HOME THROUGH PULTEGROUP'S BUILT TO HONOR PROGRAM

Pulte Homes Joins Forces with the Houston Texans, FMC Technologies & Operation FINALLY HOME to Surprise U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Israel Raylan Hillyer

HOUSTON – Nov. 24, 2015 – Injured veteran U.S. Army Sgt. First Class Israel (Izzy) Raylan Hillyer was surprised to learn that he and his family will receive a new mortgage-free Pulte home. PulteGroup's Built to Honor program, in collaboration with the Houston Texans, FMC Technologies and Operation FINALLY HOME awarded the home in front of 72,000 fans during Sunday's Texans game against the New York Jets.

"We had no idea this was going to happen. It's like a dream," Hillyer said after being surprised in front of a sold-out stadium crowd. "We are so thankful and grateful. And we are looking forward to having a kitchen that is wider than three feet!"



During a game timeout, Hillyer and his wife, Janina, were brought onto the field and learned that they will receive a mortgage-free home in Pulte's King Crossing community in Katy, Texas. A rendering of their future home appeared on the big screen in the stadium as the enthusiastic crowd cheered.

"This is the sixth home PulteGroup will help build and donate to a very worthy veteran in the Houston area," said Lindy Oliva, president of the company's Houston Division. "Being able to surprise Izzy and his family with the news is even more meaningful. There are no words to describe the joy and emotion involved in such a surprise, especially happening around the holidays."

Hillyer served for more than 20 years in the Special Forces including three tours in Afghanistan. He was involved in countless combat situations and injured throughout each deployment. His multiple injuries have resulted in weekly medical appointments on his path to healing. Through his valiant and selfless service, Hillyer has received many awards including a Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Special Forces Tab, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Two Stars, and an Army Commendation Medal.

The home will be built by Pulte Homes in collaboration with dozens of local trade contractors and building partners and will be ready for the Hillyer family in early 2016. Hillyer applied to be considered for a new home with Operation FINALLY HOME, an organization that helps America's military heroes and their families transition to the home front by addressing one of their most pressing needs – a home to call their own.

About Built to Honor™

PulteGroup's Built to Honor™ program was launched in 2013 to recognize and thank returning military personnel who have been injured during their term of service by providing mortgage-free homes to veterans and their families. Built to Honor works in partnership with nonprofit organizations, such as Operation FINALLY HOME, to identify veteran candidates. Follow Built to Honor on Twitter: @BuiltToHonor.

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