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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of United States Army Ranger Sergeant Joshua P. Rodgers of Bloomington, who was killed in action in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan on April 27, 2017; he was 22 years old; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Rodgers was born in Bloomington to Kevin and Vonda Coulter Rodgers on August 22, 1994; he attended Northpoint Elementary School, Kingsley Junior High School, and Normal Community High School; he enlisted in the United States Army after graduation in May of 2013 and completed One Station Unit Training as an infantryman at Fort Benning; following completion of the basic airborne course, he graduated from Ranger Assessment and Selection Program One, also at Fort Benning; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Rodgers was assigned to 2nd Platoon, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment where he served as a machine gunner, light machine gunner, gun team leader, and ranger fire team leader; he was deployed three times to Afghanistan and earned the Ranger Tab, the Parachutist Badge, and the Marksmanship Qualification Badge Expert-Rifle; he was also awarded the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan

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1 Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, the Global War on
2 Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer
3 Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, and
4 the NATO Medal; he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart
5 and the Bronze Star Medal with Valor; and

6 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rodgers was preceded in death by his
7 grandfather, Mike Rodgers; and

8 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rodgers is survived by his parents, Kevin and
9 Vonda Rodgers; his sisters, Emily Rodgers and Hannah (Nathan
10 Lloilo) Rodgers; his brother, Ashton Rodgers; his niece,
11 Victoria Rodgers; his grandparents, Russ and Diana Coulter, and
12 Christine Rodgers; his aunts, uncles, and cousins, Duane,
13 Trish, Makayla, and Delanie Fisher, Joe and Carrie Tyler, Cecil
14 and Charlie Rodgers, and Dan, Marcie, and Charlotte Rodgers;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 United States Army Ranger Sergeant Joshua P. Rodgers, and
19 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
20 who knew and loved him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Sgt. Rodgers as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.