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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The basic freedoms that all Americans enjoy are secured through the dedication and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, All of us as Americans are called to remember and recognize the extraordinary price paid for our nation's freedom by the selfless men and women who have sacrificed their lives to preserve and protect our nation; and

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WHEREAS, Many states have adopted the "Operation Recognition" program to honor the sacrifices made by our World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans during their high school years; and

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WHEREAS, More than 1,000,000 members of the Armed Forces are currently serving on active duty in more than 120 countries throughout the world; and

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WHEREAS, Marine Lance Corporal Drew Uhles served his county during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

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WHEREAS, Drew made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation while serving in Iraq on September 15, 2004; and

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1 WHEREAS, Drew suggested high schools recognize graduating
2 seniors who have decided to serve in the Armed Forces of the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, High school seniors entering into the Armed Forces
5 of the United States should be recognized during their
6 graduation ceremonies; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Principals Association has played an
8 important role in encouraging 25 schools throughout Illinois to
9 adopt a recognition program for future servicemen and women;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage efforts to
13 bring a version of Operation Recognition to the State of
14 Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we support the Illinois Principals
16 Association in adopting a recognition program for students who
17 have decided to enter into the Armed Forces of the United
18 States; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be
20 presented to the Illinois Principals Association, the Illinois
21 State Board of Education, and the Illinois Association of

1 School Administrators to aid in the adoption of recognition
2 programs in every high school.