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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of U.S. Army
4 Specialist Henry Mayfield Jr., who passed away on January 12,
5 2020 at the age of 23; and

6 WHEREAS, Spc. Mayfield joined the Armed Forces in June of
7 2018 after studying at Northern Illinois University; and

8 WHEREAS, Spc. Mayfield was killed in action during a
9 predawn raid at the Manda Bay Airfield near Nairobi that is
10 shared by the United States and Kenyan forces; and

11 WHEREAS, America has been blessed with an abundance of men
12 and women who proudly and bravely serve our country,
13 sacrificing a great deal for the cherished causes of freedom
14 and democracy; and

15 WHEREAS, We salute their bravery and dedication to the
16 defense of our democracy and independence and recognize that it
17 is an extraordinary person who willingly steps into harm's way
18 to protect others and to defend our freedom; Spc. Mayfield was
19 such a person; and

20 WHEREAS, Spc. Mayfield was a vibrant young man; his parents

1 describe him as positive and appreciative of his blessings; he
2 often said, "We are here for a great time, not a long time.";
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Spc. Mayfield learned the value of service,
5 dedication, and discipline and knew the worth of life and
6 liberty; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we mourn the passing of U.S. Army Specialist Henry Mayfield Jr.
10 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and
11 all who knew and loved him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Spc. Mayfield as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.