



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the death in  
4 Iraq of Specialist Jeremy Ridlen on Sunday, May 23, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Ridlen valiantly served his country as  
6 a member of the Illinois National Guard 1544th Transportation  
7 Company headquartered in Paris; he had been serving in Iraq  
8 since February; his twin brother, Jason Ridlen served in the  
9 same company; and

10 WHEREAS, Specialist Ridlen graduated from Maroa-Forsyth  
11 High School in 1998; he was a good musician, playing trumpet in  
12 the band and singing in the chorus in high school; he also  
13 enjoyed drawing, sketching, and mechanical drawing; and

14 WHEREAS, Specialist Ridlen was attending Illinois State  
15 University in Normal before his unit was activated and deployed  
16 to Iraq; he attended the Peoples Church of God in Decatur; and

17 WHEREAS, The passing of Specialist Jeremy Ridlen has been  
18 deeply felt by many, especially his mother, Cheryl; his father,  
19 Ed Ridlen; his brother, Jason; and his sister, Amanda Brady;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
23 mourn the passing of Specialist Jeremy Ridlen, and we extend  
24 our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and all who knew  
25 and loved him; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Specialist Jeremy  
27 Ridlen and his willingness to serve our country, which led to  
28 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Specialist Jeremy Ridlen as an  
3 expression of our sincere condolences during their time of  
4 bereavement.