



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois were deeply saddened to learn of the death of
4 Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy on October 1, 2004 in Baghdad,
5 Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy was assigned to the Army's 1st
7 Cavalry Division; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy was killed during a gun battle
9 while monitoring a traffic checkpoint; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy moved to Naperville with his
11 family in 1991 and attended Maplebrook Elementary School and
12 Lincoln Junior High; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy played soccer and competed in
14 gymnastics and wrestling, qualifying in his junior year for the
15 Illinois High School Association boys gymnastics state
16 championships; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy was known to be funny, outgoing,
18 and a class-clown who liked 80's music, foam trucker hats,
19 goofy t-shirts and funny movies; and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy enlisted in the Army as a senior
21 in high school and began service after graduating from
22 Naperville Central High School in Naperville in 2001; and

23 WHEREAS, After Sergeant Hennessy enlisted in the military,
24 his family watched as the young man evolved from an active,
25 precocious child into a mature, determined leader whose first
26 priority was to serve his country; and

27 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy was proud to serve his country

1 and showed his commitment to restoring peace by volunteering
2 for duties in Iraq; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hennessy strived to be a good soldier
4 and, at the young age of 21, embodied the true spirit of a
5 soldier, being faithful and loyal always to his family,
6 friends, and country; and

7 WHEREAS, We recognize Sergeant Hennessy for his unwavering
8 bravery and service to his country; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy will be
10 deeply felt by many, especially his father, Bernie and devoted
11 mother, Cindy; his brother, Eric; his sister, Anna; and dozens
12 of family members and friends; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 mourn the passing of Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy along with all
16 who knew and loved him and extend our sincerest condolences to
17 his family, friends, and community; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy as a
20 token of our deepest sympathy.