

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Lance Cpl.
4 Nicholas Kleiboeker of Odin who was killed on May 13, 2003
5 while serving with the United States Marine Corps near Al
6 Hillah, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

7 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Kleiboeker was trapped in an
8 ammunition bunker which caught fire and exploded; he was
9 serving as a combat engineer with the United States 2nd
10 Marine Division assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 4th
11 Marines; and

12 WHEREAS, Fulfilling a long-held dream, he enlisted in the
13 Marines while in high school through the delayed entry
14 program; he attended boot camp in 2001 and was deployed from
15 Camp LeJuene, North Carolina, to Kuwait on Valentine's Day
16 earlier this year; he was taking correspondence courses and
17 later wanted to attend officers school; and

18 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Kleiboeker was the son of Gary
19 Kleiboeker and Gary and Teresa Clark; he was a graduate of
20 Odin High School; he was athletic and loved oldies music; he
21 had a warm personality and affectionate regard for others;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kleiboeker
24 will be deeply felt by all who knew him, especially his
25 parents; his sisters, Jessica Kleiboeker, Hillary, Brittany,
26 and Jennifer; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam
27 Bryant; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the tragic
30 death of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kleiboeker and extend our
31 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and community;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kleiboeker as
4 an expression of our deepest sympathy.