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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death in Iraq of Sergeant Ivory L. Phipps of Chicago on Wednesday, March 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Phipps had re-enlisted at the age of 43 to provide for his family and had been in Iraq less than a week when he was killed in a mortar attack; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Phipps had been stationed in Kuwait until Sunday, March 14, 2004, when he was sent to Iraq; he was a driver assigned to the 1544th Transportation Company, which is based in Paris; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Phipps, the youngest of eight children, first joined the military when he was 18 and was a Desert Storm veteran; he went on to serve 15 years in the National Guard; at home, he worked as a driver for a rental car company; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Sergeant Ivory L. Phipps has been deeply felt by many, especially his fiancée, LaToya Ragsdale; his son, Elijah Lee Phipps; and his many other family members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Sergeant Ivory L. Phipps, and we extend our sincere condolences to his friends, family, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sergeant Phipps and his willingness to serve our country which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Sergeant Ivory L. Phipps as an
2 expression of our sincere condolences.