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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of U.S. Army PFC Shawn C. Edwards of Bensenville on April 23, 2004 when his convoy hit a roadside bomb in Samarra, Iraq; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Edwards was assigned to the U.S. Army's 121st Signal Battalion, 1st Infantry Division; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Edwards was born in New Mexico and moved to Bensenville with his family in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, He enlisted in the U.S. Army as a junior in high school and began service after graduating from York Community High School in Elmhurst in 2002, where he was a member of the football and wrestling teams; he planned to return to college when he completed his military duty; and

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WHEREAS, He discovered a passion for electronics and computers while in the U.S. Army and hoped to pursue this passion when he returned home; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Edwards comes from a military family; his father served in Vietnam and his grandfather was in World War II; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Edwards had previously been stationed in Kitzingen, Germany, and arrived in Iraq in early February; his task in Iraq was setting up cellular communication networks; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Edwards was proud to serve his country and showed his commitment to restoring peace by volunteering for duties in Iraq; and

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1           WHEREAS, PFC Edwards strived to be a good soldier and at  
2 the young age of 20 embodied the true spirit of a soldier,  
3 being faithful and loyal always to his family, friends, and  
4 country; and

5           WHEREAS, We recognize PFC Edwards for his unwavering  
6 bravery and service to his country; and

7           WHEREAS, The passing of U.S. Army PFC Shawn C. Edwards will  
8 be deeply felt by many, especially his father Glen and devoted  
9 mother Elizabeth, his sister and best friend Robin, and dozens  
10 of family and friends; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 U.S. Army PFC Shawn C. Edwards along with all who knew and  
14 loved him, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
15 friends, and community; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of U.S. Army PFC Shawn  
17 C. Edwards and his willingness to serve our country which led  
18 to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of U.S. Army PFC Shawn C. Edwards as a  
21 token of our deepest sympathy.