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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death in Kuwait of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Donald B. Farmer of Zion on December 19, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on March 18, 1971; he was a high school football and track standout who joined the U.S. Marine Corps after attending college for two years in North Dakota, serving from 1991 to 1995; and

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WHEREAS, He joined the U.S. Army in 1995, the same year he married his childhood sweetheart, Shonda, whom he met in elementary school; he was a member of the 96th Transportation Company, 180th Transportation Battalion, 13th Corps Support Command based in Fort Hood, Texas; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Staff Sergeant Donald B. Farmer has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Shonda; his daughter, Charon; his son, Da'Shaun; his stepdaughter, Darion Nash; and his mother, Gwendolyn Farmer; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Donald B. Farmer, and we extend our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

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