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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Marine Sergeant Thomas Michael Gilbert of Downers Grove, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Gilbert died on October 25, 2006, defending his country while serving his second tour in Iraq; and

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WHEREAS, He was a 2000 graduate of Downers Grove North High School; he attended Lester and Herrick schools; and

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WHEREAS, He was a marketing major at Western Michigan University; he joined the Marine Reserve in September of 2000; he was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, based out of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Gilbert loved hunting, fishing, riding his motorcycle, wakeboarding, and outdoor sports of all kinds; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Gilbert was the loving son of Michael and Theresa Gilbert; in addition to his parents, he leaves behind to cherish his memory: his sisters, Tamara Gilbert and Trisha (Brad) Pelhank; his grandparents, George and Joann Cooper and Patricia Gilbert; his aunts and uncles, Mary (Bob) Tennyson, Sharon Gilbert, Dan (Marla) Gilbert, Margaret Tovey, Rick (Sandy) Gilbert, Charles Gilbert, Theresa Gilbert, Dave (Peggy) Cooper, and Patti (Rick) Lahey; his cousins, John (Christina) Gilbert, Bridget (Reed) Knowlton, Amy Gilbert, Jennifer (Luke) Crawford, Nick Gilbert, Elizabeth Gilbert, Max Gilbert, Luis Gilbert, MaryJo Gilbert, Josh Mattox, Eddie Mattox, Ricky Gilbert, Brian Gilbert, Ryan Severin, Kalyn Cooper, Tanya Cooper, and Adam Cooper; he was preceded in death by his cousin, Connor Lahey; his grandfather, Harvey "Jack"; and his uncles, Jim Gilbert and Rick Tovey; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we again express our
3 sympathies to the family of Marine Sergeant Thomas Gilbert for
4 his tremendous sacrifice; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Thomas Gilbert.