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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of U.S. Army Sergeant Blake W. Evans, who was killed in action in Iraq on May 25, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Blake Evans graduated from Guilford High School in Rockford in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Blake Evans served his country with pride and distinction in the United States Army as an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; after joining the Army in October of 2003, he was sent to Fort Campbell in January of 2004, where he was assigned to Delta Company, 2nd Battalion of the 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team; his first tour of duty in Iraq began in the fall of 2005; his second tour began in September of 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Blake Evans was decorated with a variety of medals and badges in recognition of his service, including three Army Achievement Medals, an Army Good Conduct Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal, among many others; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Blake Evans is survived by his mother and

1 stepfather, Craig and Judy Belk; his wife, Shannon; and his
2 daughters, Kylee and Adriana; and

3 WHEREAS, Sgt. Blake Evans' dedication and selflessness are
4 worthy of the greatest respect; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of U.S.
8 Army Sergeant Blake W. Evans; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sergeant Blake W.
10 Evans and his willingness to serve our country, which led to
11 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Sergeant Blake W. Evans as an
14 expression of our sympathy.