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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of U.S. Army
4 Sergeant 1st Class Christopher D. Shaw of Natchez, Mississippi,
5 who died in action on September 29, 2009, on Jolo Island,
6 Philippines; and

7 WHEREAS, SFC Christopher Shaw enlisted in the United States
8 Army Reserve on November 22, 1994, while attending Texas
9 Southern University in Houston on a track and field
10 scholarship; in May of 1995, he decided to put his education on
11 hold and joined the active-duty Army as a forward observer; and

12 WHEREAS, After completion of basic training, advanced
13 individual training, and the U.S. Army Airborne School, SFC
14 Christopher Shaw was assigned as a fire support specialist to
15 the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Lewis,
16 Washington; in 1997, he volunteered for the Special Forces
17 Assessment and Selection course and completed the Special
18 Forces Qualification Course in March of 1999; he later served
19 as an instructor at the Special Forces Qualification Course at
20 Camp Mackall, North Carolina and subsequently returned to the
21 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Lewis; and

22 WHEREAS, SFC Christopher Shaw was currently assigned to the

1 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort
2 Lewis, Washington; he was on his second deployment in support
3 of Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines at the time of his
4 passing; and

5 WHEREAS, SFC Christopher Shaw was the recipient of numerous
6 awards and decorations for his meritorious service, including
7 Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, Army
8 Achievement Medals, Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense
9 Service Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary
10 Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the
11 Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the
12 Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Philippine Presidential
13 Unit citation; he earned the Special Forces tab, the Ranger
14 tab, and the Parachutist Badge; he was posthumously awarded the
15 Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service
16 Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

17 WHEREAS, SFC Christopher Shaw earned his bachelor's degree
18 in history from Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, New
19 Jersey; and

20 WHEREAS, SFC Christopher Shaw is survived by his wife,
21 Attina; his children, Darian Shaw, Erielle Smith, Jalyn Smith,
22 Dante Shaw, and Cydney Shaw; his mother and stepfather, Camille
23 and Willie Felton; his father, Walter Owens; his brothers,

1 Orlando Shaw and Maurey Owens; and his sisters, Kenya Shaw and
2 Gwen Owens; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
6 Sergeant 1st Class Christopher D. Shaw; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of SFC Christopher Shaw
8 and his willingness to serve our country, which led to him
9 making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this resolution be presented
11 to the family of SFC Christopher Shaw as an expression of our
12 sympathy.