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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 United  
4 States Air Force Senior Airman Bradley Smith of Troy, who  
5 passed away on January 3, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

6           WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith was born on September  
7 11, 1985, in Little Rock, Arkansas; his parents are Gary and  
8 Paula, nee Forrest, Smith; he married Tiffany Finley on  
9 February 19, 2008, in Monterey, California; and

10           WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith graduated from Triad  
11 High School in 2004; during high school, he was a member of the  
12 football team; and

13           WHEREAS, On December 19, 2006, Senior Airman Bradley Smith  
14 joined the United States Air Force; after basic training, where  
15 he was an honor graduate, he was assigned to the 10th Air  
16 Support Operations Squadron as a joint terminal attack  
17 controller in Fort Riley, Kansas and was highly trained in air  
18 assault, pathfinder, and airborne qualifications; he was  
19 posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for his service in  
20 Afghanistan; and

21           WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith was previously a

1 member at Bethel Baptist Church, where he was active with the  
2 church's youth ministry; and

3 WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith was preceded in death  
4 by his maternal grandfather, retired Master Sergeant Jesie  
5 Forrest, and his paternal grandfather, Elmer Smith; and

6 WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith is survived by his  
7 wife, Tiffany; his parents, Gary and Paula; his daughter, Chloe  
8 Lynn Smith; his brother and fiancée, Staff Sergeant Gary Ryan  
9 Smith and Shawna Dorman; his paternal grandparents, retired  
10 Sergeant Major Don and Barbara McBeth and Rebecca Smith; his  
11 maternal grandmother, Fannie Mae Forrest; his mother-in-law  
12 and father-in-law, Stanley and Valerie Tucker; his  
13 sisters-in-law, Hannah and Jennifer Tucker; and his many other  
14 extended family members and dear friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith's patriotism and  
16 courage will be remembered fondly by his loving family, his  
17 fellow soldiers, and the citizens of our grateful nation;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Senior  
22 Airman Bradley Smith; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Senior Airman Bradley Smith as an  
3 expression of our sympathy.