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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 Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood of Byron, who gave his life defending America's freedom on October 14, 2010, in the Helmand province of southern Afghanistan; and

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WHEREAS, Alec E. Catherwood was born on May 6, 1991 in Heilbronn, Germany, to Kirk and Gretchen Catherwood; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood was a member of the Future Farmers of America as a sentry, the Boy Scouts, and had a black belt in tae kwon do; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood graduated in 2009 from Bryon High School and enlisted in the United States Marines Corps on June 1, 2009, where he had wanted to serve since he was 3 years old; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood was deployed to Afghanistan to serve his first combat tour of duty and had talked about re-enlisting; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood's awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon,

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1 the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service
2 Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

3 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood will be missed by his
4 parents, Kirk and Gretchen Catherwood; his sister, Mikaela
5 Montgomery; his fiancée, Hailey Patrick, whom he to marry on
6 July 2, 2011; as well as his fellow soldiers and the citizens
7 of a grateful nation; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Lance
11 Corporal Alec E. Catherwood; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Lance Corporal Alec
13 E. Catherwood and his willingness to serve his country, which
14 led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood as
17 a symbol of our sincere sympathy.