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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of U.S. Army Sergeant Jesse Richard Tilton of Long Creek, who passed away on July 16, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Jesse Tilton was born on December 14, 1986 in Decatur; he was the son of Julie A. Tilton; he attended Mt. Zion High School and went on to graduate from Lincoln Challenge Academy in Rantoul; he later attended Richland Community College; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Jesse Tilton served his country with pride and distinction as a medic with the United States Army, serving in the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; he earned numerous awards and decorations for his service, including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, and the Combat Medic Badge; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Jesse Tilton was a member of the Long Creek

1 United Methodist Church; and

2 WHEREAS, Sgt. Jesse Tilton was preceded in death by his
3 aunt, Barbara Warner; his uncle, Gerald Tilton; and his
4 maternal grandparents, Theodore and Kathryn Tilton; and

5 WHEREAS, Sgt. Jesse Tilton is survived by his mother, Julie
6 A. Tilton-Magana and her husband, Javier; his aunts and uncles,
7 James Tilton and his wife, Judy, Linda Isaac and her husband,
8 Robert "Bob", Richard Tilton and his wife, Judy, and Sandra
9 Muirheid and her husband, George; and his many cousins;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the passing of Sergeant Jesse Richard
14 Tilton; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sgt. Jesse Tilton and
16 his willingness to serve our country, which led to him making
17 the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Sgt. Jesse Tilton as an expression
20 of our sympathy.