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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Matthew W.
4 Weikert of Jacksonville, who was killed in the line of duty
5 near Orgun, Afghanistan on July 17, 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, SSG Matthew Weikert was born on May 15, 1981 in
7 Sioux City, Iowa; he was the son of Richard W. "Dick" and Susan
8 B. Kiel Weikert; and

9 WHEREAS, SSG Matthew Weikert was a member of the
10 Jacksonville High School Class of 2000; he was also a former
11 member of the JHS soccer team and a member of the First
12 Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville; and

13 WHEREAS, In August of 2001, SSG Matthew Weikert joined the
14 United States Marine Corps, where he served 3 tours in Iraq
15 over 4 years; he later joined the United States Army, where he
16 served with the 101st Airborne Division; during his service
17 with the Army, he completing a tour in Iraq and was currently
18 deployed in Afghanistan; as a military team leader, he
19 considered it his personal mission to properly prepare the
20 soldiers under his command and keep them safe from harm; and

21 WHEREAS, In his spare time, SSG Matthew Weikert enjoyed

1 hunting pheasant with his grandfather, playing golf with his
2 family and friends, and spending time with his son, Jayse; and

3 WHEREAS, SSG Matthew Weikert is survived by his parents;
4 his son, Jayse Schaecher Weikert; his sisters, Meghan Weikert
5 and Melissa Weikert; the mother of his son, Megan Schaecher;
6 his girlfriend, Danica Schild; his maternal grandparents, Rev.
7 Wesley and Nell Kiel; his paternal grandparents, Richard A.
8 "Dick" and Virginia Weikert; his aunts and uncles, Cathy
9 Dartman, Kim Weikert-Moner, Steven Kiel (wife, Sheryl), Sheryl
10 Mallehan (husband, Dave), and Scott Kiel (wife, Cathy); and his
11 many cousins; and

12 WHEREAS, SSG Matthew Weikert's patriotism and courage will
13 be remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow soldiers,
14 and the citizens of our grateful nation; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Staff Sergeant Matthew
18 W. Weikert; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of SSG Matthew Weikert as an expression
21 of our sympathy.