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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 United States Army Private First Class Andrew N. Meari of Plainfield, who was killed in action on November 1, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Meari was born on September 14, 1989 in Chicago; he was the son of Denise Meehan and Mahmoud Meari; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari attended Drauden Point Middle School and Plainfield South High School; he subsequently graduated early from Port Washington High School in Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari joined the U.S. Army in October of 2008; he served with Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Infantry Badge in recognition of his service; and

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1           WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari is survived by his mother, Denise  
2           (Gerald) Meehan; his father, Mahmoud (Aisha) Meari; his  
3           brothers, Ethan and Andrew; his sister, Jenna; his grandmother,  
4           Vivienne Williams; his uncle, Todd (Stacie) Williams; and his  
5           many cousins and friends; and

6           WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari will be remembered by all who  
7           knew and loved him as an outgoing, intelligent, and passionate  
8           young man, whose dedication to his country and his family was  
9           unmatched; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
11           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
12           his family and friends, the passing of United States Army  
13           Private First Class Andrew N. Meari; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15           presented to the family of PFC Andrew Meari as a symbol of our  
16           sympathy.