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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 Army Private First Class Andrew N. Meari of Plainfield,  
5 who gave his life defending America's freedom on November 1,  
6 2010, in the Zhari district of Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

7           WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari was born on September 14, 1989,  
8 in Chicago; he was the son of Denise Meehan of Plainfield and  
9 Mahmoud Meari of Grafton, Wisconsin; and

10           WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari attended Drauden Point Middle  
11 School and Plainfield South High School; he subsequently earned  
12 his diploma from Port Washington High School in Wisconsin,  
13 where he graduated early, before joining the U.S. Army in 2008;  
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15           WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari served with Company A, 1st  
16 Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st  
17 Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

18           WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari was awarded the National Defense  
19 Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War  
20 on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the  
21 Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Infantry Badge in

1 recognition of his service; and

2 WHEREAS, United States and Illinois flags throughout the  
3 State flew at half-staff from November 8-10, 2010, as a symbol  
4 of mourning and to honor the sacrifice of PFC Andrew Meari; and

5 WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari will be remembered for his love  
6 of country, generous spirit, patriotism, and love for his  
7 family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari dedicated his life to defending  
9 America's freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to  
10 his nation; he will be dearly missed by his mother, Denise  
11 (Gerald) Meehan; his father, Mahmoud (Aisha) Meari; his  
12 brothers, Ethan and Andrew; his sister, Jenna; his grandmother,  
13 Vivienne Williams; his uncle, Todd (Stacie) Williams; his  
14 fellow soldiers; and the citizens of a grateful nation;  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we mourn, along with his family, friends, and the members of a  
19 grateful nation, the passing of United States Army Private  
20 First Class Andrew N. Meari; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of PFC Andrew Meari as a symbol of our  
2 sympathy.