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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 United States Army Staff Sergeant Tyler M. Martin of Littleton and Colchester, who passed away on July 12, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, SSG Tyler Martin was born on August 13, 1985, in Macomb; he graduated from Rushville High School in 2003; and

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WHEREAS, SSG Tyler Martin entered the United States Army in 2004 and subsequently served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan; during his stint in the military, he traveled throughout much of the world, having visited 15 countries during his tenure; one of his travel highlights was enjoying dinner on the top floor of the Eiffel Tower; and

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WHEREAS, SSG Tyler Martin was a member of the Industry Assembly of God Church; in his younger years, he was active in the Royal Rangers; and

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WHEREAS, SSG Tyler Martin was an alumnus of the Illinois High School Rodeo and competed in the National High School Rodeo in 2002 and 2003 in Bareback and Saddle Bronco; he also loved animals, repairing and driving anything with wheels and a motor, and making people smile; and

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1           WHEREAS, SSG Tyler Martin is survived by his parents,  
2           Donella (Nell) and Jurl Southerland and Mike and Marce  
3           McGovern; his grandparents; Don and Pat Martin, Jurl and Peggy  
4           Southerland, Patricia McGovern, and Don McGovern; his  
5           brothers, Dowell Southerland, Justin and Erica McGovern, Cody  
6           McGovern, and Dylan McGovern, his niece; Alexandria McGovern,  
7           and his many aunts and uncles; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10          we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
11          United States Army Staff Sergeant Tyler M. Martin; and be it  
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13          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14          presented to the family of SSG Tyler Martin as an expression of  
15          our sympathy.