WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of United States Army Specialist William Templeton, who passed away on March 7, 2011 after being injured while serving in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, William was born September 28, 1988, in Du Quoin, the son of David C. and Lea Anne (Ferrero) Templeton; he graduated from Pinckneyville Community High School in 2007; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, he immediately joined the United States Army Infantry where he served as a specialist in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Pinckneyville and always enjoyed hunting, fishing, and hanging out with his friends and family; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert "Bob" Templeton; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist William Templeton is survived by his parents, Dave and Lea Anne Templeton; his brother, John C. Templeton; his sister, Mackenzie L. Templeton; his paternal grandmother, Wilma Templeton; his maternal grandparents, Dutch and Letha Ferrero; his loving girlfriend, Keri McDaniel; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family, friends, and a grateful nation, the passing of United States Army Specialist William Templeton; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of United States Army Specialist William Templeton and his willingness to serve his country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of United States Army Specialist William Templeton as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.

