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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 Marine Corps Captain Nathan R. McHone of Crystal Lake, who passed away on January 19, 2012 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Nathan McHone graduated from Crystal Lake South High School in 2001; he subsequently attended Western Michigan University, where he dreamed of becoming a pilot; in 2005, he joined the United States Marine Corps to log more flight time; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Nathan McHone reported to Basic School in Quantico, Virginia in 2005; he then went to Naval Aviation Command in Pensacola, Florida as an entry-level student, where he served for 2 years and earned the rank of first lieutenant in 2007; he was then assigned to the Heavy Marine Helicopter Training-302 squadron, Marine Aircraft Group-29, as a student pilot in Jacksonville, North Carolina; he later reported for duty with MAG-24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, as a Basic CH-53 pilot; he was later promoted to the rank of captain; in October of 2009, he was transferred to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-363, Marine Aircraft Group-24, 1st MAW, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where he remained until his passing; and

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1 WHEREAS, Capt. Nathan McHone was the recipient of 2 Air
2 Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the
3 National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign
4 Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the NATO
5 Medal for his meritorious service; and

6 WHEREAS, Capt. Nathan McHone is survived by his parents,
7 Ronald and Sylvia McHone; his brother, Ben McHone (Kayc); his
8 sister, Stephanie (Kwadwo) Oduro; and his niece, Harper McHone;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his family and friends, the passing of United States Marine
13 Corps Captain Nathan R. McHone; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Capt. Nathan McHone
15 and his willingness to serve our country, which led to him
16 making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Capt. Nathan McHone as an expression
19 of our sympathy.