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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 SPC Christopher Patterson who passed away January 6, 2012, while proudly serving his country in the Kandahar Province in Afghanistan; and

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WHEREAS, He was born April 17, 1991 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of Robert and Mary (nee, Schneider) Patterson; he was a 2009 graduate of West Aurora High School, and was continuing his studies in music education at Valparaiso University in Indiana; he was a member of the professional music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and toured with the school's premiere vocal ensemble, the Chorale; and

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WHEREAS, He also composed and arranged music with the a cappella group VuVox and for the West High STUDY Hall Choir; he was co-captain and first board for the West High Chess Team and was honored to be under the tutelage of Robert Payne; and

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WHEREAS, Coming from a strong military family, he enlisted with the Indiana National Guard and served as a 12B Combat Engineer with the 713th Engineering Company (Sapper) based out of the Valparaiso Armory; and

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WHEREAS, SPC Christopher Patterson is survived by his

1 parents, Robert and Mary Patterson; his brothers, Carl
2 Patterson, Sean (Anna) Patterson, and Thomas (Robyn)
3 Patterson; his paternal grandparents, Durland and Sally (nee
4 Clark) Patterson; his maternal grandparents, Jim and Claire
5 (nee Dux) Schneider; his godparents, Kathy and George Jirasek;
6 his many aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; and
7 his "adopted" siblings, Billy Czech, Aaron Foster, and Candace
8 Robinson; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 his family, friends, and a grateful nation, the passing of SPC
12 Christopher Patterson; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of SPC Christopher
14 Patterson and his willingness to serve his country, which led
15 to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of SPC Christopher Patterson as a
18 symbol of our sincere sympathy.