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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Corporal Alex Martinez, a United States Marine Corps member, was killed in action while nobly serving his country conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

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WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez was part of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion of the 1st Marine Division out of Camp Pendleton, California; and

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WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez was born and raised in Elgin, where he attended Harriet Gifford Elementary, Abbott Middle School, and Larkin High School; by the time he was a junior at Larkin High School, he knew he wanted to be a Marine; and

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WHEREAS, His desire to serve his country stemmed from his family history of service, as his father, Enrique Martinez, is a longtime Navy reservist and his aunt served in the Army; and

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WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez married his high school sweetheart, Julianna in 2008; and then graduated early from high school in 2009; a few weeks after turning 18, Corporal Martinez enlisted in the Marine Corps and left for boot camp the next month; and

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1 WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez was on his second deployment to
2 Afghanistan when he was killed; and

3 WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez hoped to start a family with his
4 wife as soon as he completed his service and dreamed of someday
5 becoming a firefighter; and

6 WHEREAS, His faith was very important to Corporal Martinez,
7 who attended Life Changers International Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Corporal Alex Martinez is survived by his wife,
9 Julianna Martinez; his mother, Socorro Bethke; his stepfather,
10 Jim Bethke; his father, Enrique Martinez; and his siblings:
11 Eileen Bethke, James Bethke, Jenny Martinez, Brandon Martinez,
12 Nicholas Martinez, and Ilyana Martinez; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family, friends, and a grateful nation, the passing of
16 Corporal Alex Martinez; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Corporal Alex
18 Martinez and his willingness to serve his country, which led to
19 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Corporal Alex Martinez as a symbol
2 of our sincere sympathy.