WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Private First Class Miguel A. Villalon of Aurora, who passed away in Afghanistan on January 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, PFC Villalon was raised in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas; he attended school in Brownsville, Texas from 2004 to 2013; he attended East Aurora High School, where he became captain of the JROTC drill team; and

WHEREAS, PFC Villalon joined the U.S. Army in 2018; he was assigned to the 307th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, PFC Villalon was killed after an improvised explosive device struck his vehicle in Kandahar province, Afghanistan; he was participating in Operation Freedom's Sentinel, a U.S. training and counterterrorism mission; he was on his first combat deployment; he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with "C" Device, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and
WHEREAS, PFC Villalon was preceded in death by his
great-grandmother, Rita Rios; his grandmother, Olivia Mendoza;
his aunt, Maria Guzman; and his brother, Jesus Villalon Jr.;
and
WHEREAS, PFC Villalon is survived by his mother, Olivia
Guzman Villalon; his father, Jesus Villalon; his brothers,
Arnoldo and Antonio Fernandez; his maternal grandfather,
Arnoldo Guzman; his paternal grandparents, Juan Villalon and
Elsa Garcia; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended
family, and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
we mourn the passing of Private First Class Miguel A. Villalon
and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and
all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
presented to the family of PFC Miguel Villalon as an expression
of our deepest sympathy.