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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

6 WHEREAS, PFC Villalon was raised in the Rio Grande Valley
7 of Texas; he attended school in Brownsville, Texas from 2004 to
8 2013; he attended East Aurora High School, where he became
9 captain of the JROTC drill team; and

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

14 WHEREAS, PFC Villalon was killed after an improvised
15 explosive device struck his vehicle in Kandahar province,
16 Afghanistan; he was participating in Operation Freedom's
17 Sentinel, a U.S. training and counterterrorism mission; he was
18 on his first combat deployment; he was awarded the Purple
19 Heart, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army
20 Achievement Medal with "C" Device, the Army Achievement Medal,
21 the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and

1 WHEREAS, PFC Villalon was preceded in death by his
2 great-grandmother, Rita Rios; his grandmother, Olivia Mendoza;
3 his aunt, Maria Guzman; and his brother, Jesus Villalon Jr.;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, PFC Villalon is survived by his mother, Olivia
6 Guzman Villalon; his father, Jesus Villalon; his brothers,
7 Arnoldo and Antonio Fernandez; his maternal grandfather,
8 Arnoldo Guzman; his paternal grandparents, Juan Villalon and
9 Elsa Garcia; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended
10 family, and friends; therefore, be it

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

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