

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the tragic death of
4 Army Spc. Brandon Rowe of Roscoe who was killed in combat
5 near the Iraqi city of Najaf; and

6 WHEREAS, Brandon Rowe is the first person from the 101st
7 Airborne Division to die in combat in the Iraq war; and

8 WHEREAS, The 101st Airborne Division is a rapid
9 deployment force based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the
10 largest aviation brigade in the Army; and

11 WHEREAS, Brandon Rowe was the youngest of four siblings;
12 he was a 2000 graduate of Hononegah High School in Rockton,
13 and he enlisted in the army shortly after graduation; and

14 WHEREAS, Brandon Rowe's passing will be deeply felt by
15 many especially his parents, Milton Rowe, and Wendy and
16 Richard Borowski; his brothers, Kevin and Brent; his sister,
17 Leah; his many friends; and the entire Roscoe community;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the death of Army Spc. Brandon Rowe along with all
22 who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to
23 his family, friends, and community; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Army Spc. Brandon
25 Rowe and his willingness to serve our country, which led to
26 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to the family of Army Spc. Brandon Rowe as an
29 expression of our deepest sympathy.