

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were shocked and saddened to hear of
4 the untimely death of Lance Corporal Jakub Henryk Kowalik,
5 United States Marine Corps, of Schaumburg, on Monday, May 12,
6 2003, in Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Kowalik had been assigned to the
8 1st Maintenance Battalion of the 1st Service Support Group,
9 which was based at Camp Pendleton, since August of 2002; he
10 served as an assault amphibious vehicle repairer and
11 technician; he joined the United States Marine Corps in
12 December of 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Kowalik was a native of Poland,
14 born to Henryk and Danuta Kowalik; the family migrated to the
15 United States in 1991, first living in Chicago, then moving
16 to Niles and recently to Schaumburg; he was a 2002 graduate
17 of Maine East High School in Park Ridge where he played
18 football; and

19 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Kowalik enjoyed fishing, which he
20 shared with his father, Henryk, who preceded him in death two
21 years after arriving in America; he also enjoyed his
22 PlayStation, Tom and Jerry cartoons, entertaining his
23 friends' younger siblings, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers; and

24 WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Corporal Jakub H. Kowalik
25 has been deeply felt by all who knew him, especially his
26 mother Danuta Kowalik and her fiance, Joseph Kot; his
27 brother, Paul Kowalik; and many other friends and relatives;
28 therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
30 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
31 we mourn the passing of Lance Corporal Jakub Henryk Kowalik,

1 who will be remembered as a hero of the United States Marine
2 Corps; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Lance Corporal
4 Kowalik and his willingness to serve our great nation which
5 led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Lance Corporal Jakub H. Kowalik,
8 United States Marine Corps, as an expression of our deepest
9 sympathy during their time of bereavement.