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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Lance Corporal Jakub Henryk Kowalik who will be remembered

1 as a hero of the United States Marine Corps; and be it  
2 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.