



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of
4 Pfc. Wyatt Dale Eisenhower who gave his life in Said of
5 Abdullah (Southern Baghdad), Iraq, in the service of his
6 country on May 19, 2005, while serving with Headquarters and
7 Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 3rd Brigade
8 Combat team, 1st Armored Division United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2004, he joined the U.S. Army, following in the
10 footsteps of his father, Fred Eisenhower and Grandpa Fred
11 "Fritz" Eisenhower; he completed his basic training at Fort
12 Knox, Kentucky and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, when
13 his unit deployed to Iraq; and

14 WHEREAS, Pfc. Eisenhower was born in Pinckneyville, the
15 county of Perry, on Flag Day, June 14, 1978, the son of Fred
16 and Gay Eisenhower; he was a brother to Rebecca, Hannah, and
17 Leah; and

18 WHEREAS, He went to kindergarten in Pinckneyville,
19 attended Pinckneyville Grade School, and graduated from
20 Pinckneyville High School; while in high school, he was a
21 member of the Pinckneyville Panther's wrestling team, band, and
22 V.I.C.A.; he was honored for distinguished achievement when
23 placing first place in the State Diesel Equipment Technician
24 competition; he loved music and played the trumpet, guitar,
25 baritone, and piano; he also set up sound systems and ran the
26 sound boards for many bands; after high school, he attended
27 Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in the Automotive
28 Mechanic program; and

29 WHEREAS, He loved the outdoors and thoroughly enjoyed
30 fishing, as well as kayaking down Beaucoup Creek; he also loved
31 rock climbing, camping, and animals, especially his bird, Jake;

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2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dale
3 and Joy Farthing and Fred "Fritz" Eisenhower; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of Wyatt Dale Eisenhower is felt by
5 all who knew and loved him, especially his parents, Fred and
6 Gay Eisenhower; his sister, Rebecca Anderson and her family,
7 husband, Willie Anderson, nieces, Alexis and Caitlyn Anderson,
8 and nephew and namesake, Jacob William Dale Anderson; his
9 sisters, Hannah and Leah Eisenhower; his grandmother,
10 Catherine Eisenhower; his great-grandmother, Ruth Huffstutler;
11 his aunts and uncles, Larry and Sherry Goldman, Todd and Susan
12 Farthing, Tim and Carla Hankla, Darrell and Sharon Eisenhower,
13 Ross and Linda Eisenhower, and Bill and Mary Lou Ozburn; and a
14 host of cousins and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, His family is extremely proud of Wyatt Dale
16 Eisenhower, who was a very humble young man, a private person,
17 with wisdom beyond his years, who made the supreme sacrifice
18 for his nation and the family he loved; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 together with his family, friends, and the citizens of this
22 State and this great nation, we mourn the passing of Wyatt Dale
23 Eisenhower, for the truest heroes of the Iraq War are the
24 members of the United States Armed Forces who have made the
25 ultimate sacrifice of their lives on behalf of their country;
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
29 sympathy.