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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is with sadness that the members of the Illinois House of Representatives have learned of the death of Army Sgt. Jacob Henry Demand of Palouse, Washington, on September 14, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Demand was killed while on patrol in Mosul, Iraq; he was in charge of seven men, and used his body to shield the civilian translator traveling with them; six of the seven men were injured in the surprise attack; he went to Iraq in January 2004 with B Troop, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division from Ft. Lewis, Washington, and was scheduled to return in October 2004; during his career in the Army, he also served in Saudi Arabia and Korea; and

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WHEREAS, He was born September 9, 1975, in San Diego, California, and was a 1995 graduate of Garfield-Palouse High School; he had tested himself in school sports - football, basketball, baseball - and loved hunting and fishing; he joined the Army two weeks after graduating from high school; and

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WHEREAS, He was a dedicated and committed soldier who was well-liked and respected by his soldiers and by his fellow leaders; he carried out his duties with pride and confidence and he gave his life trying to keep other people safe; he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and three Good Conduct medals for service and leadership abilities; and

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WHEREAS, He is survived by his parents, Bruce and Char Baldwin, and three children, a daughter, Reanne, and sons, Josh and Seth; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

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1 we honor Army Sgt. Jacob Henry Demand for his commitment,
2 dedication, and sacrifice in the service of his family,
3 community, and country; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we pray for the safety and well-being of his
5 fellow service members as they continue to stand in harm's way
6 in service in Iraq and around the world; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
9 sympathy.