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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death in Iraq of U.S. Army Corporal Shawn T. Lasswell Jr. of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Alton, on Sunday, April 23, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on July 10, 1984, in Alton and grew up in the Alton area; he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, when he was 11; while in high school, he was active in the ROTC program; and

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WHEREAS, He always wanted to serve his country and joined the U.S. Army after high school; he was looking forward to a law enforcement career as a S.W.A.T. officer with the Las Vegas Metro Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, He enjoyed quality time with family and friends and working with remote control cars and airplanes and playing the guitar; and

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WHEREAS, He was assigned to C Troop, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; his unit was deployed to the Middle East in December; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Corporal Lasswell has been deeply felt by many, especially his mother and stepfather, Cathy and Ron Zehren; his father and stepmother, Shawn Thomas and Kim Lasswell Sr.; his brothers and sisters, Kevin Lasswell, Vincent Gill, Toliver Lasswell, Jessie Lasswell, and Gabriele Lasswell; his grandparents, Charles and Judy Lewis, Joel and Judy Lasswell, and Johnnie and Jeff Powell; his great-grandparents, Roger and Evelyn Reigart; his many aunts and uncles, including Carolyn, Chris, Candy, Jennifer, and Dawn; his other extended family; and his many friends; he was

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1 preceded in death by his grandmother, Carol Lewis, and his
2 great-grandmother, Vacle Lasswell; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we mourn the passing of Corporal Shawn T. Lasswell Jr., and we
6 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
7 who knew and loved him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Corporal Lasswell and
9 his willingness to serve his country, which led to him making
10 the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
13 sympathy.