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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death in Iraq of U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Gary T. Rovinski of Roseville on Monday, June 5, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Rovinski was a member of the U.S. Navy Seabees; he served as an equipment operator assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25 based at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin; he had been in Iraq since March, where his job was to escort semitrailers across the desert; and

WHEREAS, This was his second time serving in the military; he had previously served in the U.S. Army for eight years and served during the first Gulf War as an eye specialist; and

WHEREAS, He worked at the Henry Hill Correctional Center and was an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Monmouth; he had also served as associate dean of students and director of residence life at Monmouth College from 1997 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Gary T. Rovinski has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Jenifer Rovinski, and his two daughters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Petty Officer 1st Class Gary T. Rovinski, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Petty Officer Rovinski and his willingness to serve his country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest
3 condolences.