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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of United States Army Captain Travis
5 Patriquin of Lockport, who was killed in action in Iraq on
6 December 6, 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, Travis Patriquin was born on August 15, 1974; his
8 parents are Gary and Connie Patriquin; and

9 WHEREAS, He attended St. Dennis School in Lockport,
10 graduating from eighth grade in 1988; he graduated from Francis
11 Howell North High School in 1992; after graduation he enlisted
12 in the United States Army; he was recommended for admission to
13 West Point but declined the offer to pursue Ranger training;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Captain Patriquin was part of an elite Special
16 Forces unit that served in Central America from 1992 to 1997
17 where he learned local dialects; in 1997 he returned to Fort
18 Campbell and was sent to a language school in Monterey,
19 California, where he learned "the Kings" Arabic; he then met an
20 Arab family and learned the common form of the language; he
21 later attended officer school at Fort Benning; and

1 WHEREAS, After the September 11th attacks in New York City,
2 he led a unit in Afghanistan that is credited with starting
3 Operation Anaconda; while serving in Afghanistan he received
4 the Bronze Star; while he was recovering from injuries he
5 worked toward and received his college degree, with a major in
6 Psychology and a minor in history; and

7 WHEREAS, Captain Patriquin served with the 1st Brigade, 1st
8 Armored Division, and was serving in Tikrit, Iraq, with the
9 special forces; while serving in Iraq he developed a program to
10 help reach out to local Iraqi leaders; this program has become
11 an unofficial how to manual on winning the war and has been
12 featured on major news networks; and

13 WHEREAS, Captain Patriquin was fluent in several
14 languages, including Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, and two
15 Central American Indian dialects; he would reach out to anyone
16 willing to learn and would tutor anyone in Arabic; he was a
17 caring man who was a friend to both Americans and Iraqis and
18 his leadership will be greatly missed; and

19 WHEREAS, Army Captain Travis Patriquin is survived by his
20 wife, Amy; his children, Emily, Harmon, and Logan; his
21 siblings, Daniel, Karrie, and Steven; and his parents, Gary and
22 Connie Patriquin; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of United
4 States Army Captain Travis Patriquin; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Captain Patriquin and
6 his willingness to serve our country which led to him making
7 the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Captain Travis Patriquin, along with
10 our utmost respect.