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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Lance
4 Corporal Alec E. Catherwood of Byron, who gave his life
5 defending America's freedom on October 14, 2010, in the Helmand
6 province of southern Afghanistan; and

7 WHEREAS, Alec E. Catherwood was born on May 6, 1991 in
8 Heilbronn, Germany, to Kirk and Gretchen Catherwood; and

9 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood was a member of the
10 Future Farmers of America, in which he served as a Sentinel; he
11 was a member of the Boy Scouts of America; and he held a black
12 belt in tae kwon do; and

13 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood graduated in 2009 from
14 Byron High School and enlisted in the United States Marines
15 Corps on June 1, 2009, where he had wanted to serve since he
16 was 3 years old; and

17 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood was deployed to
18 Afghanistan to serve his first combat tour of duty and had
19 talked about re-enlisting; and

20 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood's awards and

1 decorations include the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon,
2 the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service
3 Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

4 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood will be missed by his
5 parents, Kirk and Gretchen Catherwood; his sister, Mikaela
6 Montgomery; his fiancée, Hailey Patrick, whom he was to marry
7 on July 2, 2011; as well as his fellow soldiers and the
8 citizens of a grateful nation; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
12 Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Lance Corporal Alec
14 E. Catherwood and his willingness to serve his country, which
15 led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood as
18 a symbol of our sincere sympathy.