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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jordan Stephen Basteen of Pekin, who passed away on October 23, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, L. Cpl. Jordan Basteen was born on March 10, 1992, in Peoria; his parents are Steven Phillip and Kathy Rae (Leichtenberg) Basteen; and

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WHEREAS, L. Cpl. Jordan Basteen graduated from Pekin Community High School (P.C.H.S.) in 2010; while at P.C.H.S., he was a 4-year cadet of the JROTC and was the captain of the Air Rifle Team; he also participated in track and cross country; and

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WHEREAS, L. Cpl. Jordan Basteen served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force out of Twentynine Palms, California; and

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WHEREAS, L. Cpl. Jordan Basteen loved big trucks, hunting, and watching the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Cubs; and

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WHEREAS, L. Cpl. Jordan Basteen was preceded in death by

1 his cousin, Ella Leichtenberg; and

2 WHEREAS, L. Cpl. Jordan Basteen is survived by his mother,
3 Kathy Basteen; his father, Steven Basteen; his grandparents,
4 Bob Leichtenberg, Judy Leichtenberg, Thomas Basteen, and
5 Jackie and Phil Pampinella; his great-grandparents, Florence
6 and Jim Arnold, Ray Besancenez, and Gene and Gina Vahle; and
7 his many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

8 WHEREAS, L. Cpl. Jordan Basteen's patriotism and courage
9 will be remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow
10 soldiers, and the citizens of our grateful nation; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 his family and friends, the passing of United States Marine
15 Corps Lance Corporal Jordan Stephen Basteen; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of L. Cpl. Jordan Basteen as an
18 expression of our sympathy.