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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 Nickolas Daniels of Elmwood Park, who passed away on November 5, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Nickolas Daniels graduated from St. Patrick High School in Chicago in 2004; he excelled in sports, especially football, where he played linebacker and made All-Conference his senior year; and

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WHEREAS, After high school, Lance Corporal Nickolas Daniels went to college for a semester, but found out it was not for him; he then worked several jobs in Elmwood Park and coached football at his high school alma mater, but decided to join the United States Marine Corps because he believed it would help him reach his goal of becoming a police officer; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Nickolas Daniels served his country with pride as a member of the 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion of the 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force out of Twentynine Palms, California; after graduating from basic training in January of 2010, he was sent on his first deployment as a combat engineer on September 4, 2011; and

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1 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Nickolas Daniels is survived by his
2 parents, Greg and Debi; his siblings, Kati, Billy, and Lonny
3 Daniels; and his fiancée, Katie O'Neil; and

4 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Nickolas Daniels' patriotism and
5 courage will be remembered fondly by his loving family, his
6 fellow soldiers, and the citizens of our grateful nation;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, the passing of United States Marine
11 Corps Lance Corporal Nickolas Daniels; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Lance Corporal Nickolas Daniels as
14 an expression of our sympathy.