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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 Benton
4 native, Brandon Pinson, who was killed on September 3, 2019
5 while defusing an explosive device; and

6 WHEREAS, Brandon Pinson was a civilian employee of
7 Facilities Services Directorate (FSD), a Geneva,
8 Switzerland-based humanitarian, nongovernmental organization
9 that clears explosives that threaten civilian populations in
10 countries affected by war; and

11 WHEREAS, The Iraqi Directorate of Mine Action has opened an
12 investigation into the incident, though an initial review has
13 determined it was an accident and did not involve third
14 parties; and

15 WHEREAS, Brandon Pinson worked in the area for five months,
16 supervising one of FSD's 12 teams in Iraq; and

17 WHEREAS, Brandon Pinson, 31, was a U.S. Army veteran and
18 married father of two; he served in the Army from 2008 through
19 last year and did two tours in Afghanistan; and

20 WHEREAS, Brandon Pinson was trained at the Naval School

1 Explosive Ordnance Disposal at Eglin Air Force Base in western
2 Florida; and

3 WHEREAS, Those who knew Brandon Pinson described him as
4 having a great sense of humor and a way of putting others at
5 ease; he was the kid that would always have your back; and

6 WHEREAS, Brandon Pinson is survived by his wife, Samantha
7 and their two young boys, and his parents, Karen and Robert
8 Pinson; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
12 Brandon Pinson; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Brandon Pinson as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.