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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On December 2, 1950, U.S. Army Cpl. Asa E. Vance was reported missing in action near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea after his unit was attacked by enemy forces; he was a member of Company D, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division; and

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WHEREAS, Cpl. Vance enlisted in the Army in December of 1949 and trained in Kansas and Georgia before serving in Japan; he was listed as presumed dead in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Cpl. Vance was among 26 men from Macon County who died during the Korean War and have their names etched into the Korean War Memorial in Graceland Cemetery in Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, Following a meeting between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong-Un in 2018, the North Korean government turned over more than 55 boxes of remains to the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Cpl. Vance's remains were identified among those in the boxes and returned home to his family after nearly 70 years; and

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WHEREAS, There remain 391 individuals from the State of

1 Illinois that are still unaccounted for from the Korean War and
2 deserve to be returned to their families as was Cpl. Vance;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 U.S. Army Cpl. Asa E. Vance who gave his life for his country;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Cpl. Vance as a symbol of our
10 sincerest condolences and our endless gratitude for his
11 selfless service and sacrifice.