

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn that Army National
4 Guard 1st Lt. Brian Slavenas of Genoa died along with 15
5 other soldiers when their Chinook helicopter was shot down
6 near Fallujah, Iraq on November 2, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, Lt. Slavenas was born on December 19, 1972 in
8 DeKalb to Ronald and Rose Marie Slavenas; after graduating
9 from DeKalb High School, he became a paratrooper with the
10 United States Army and then joined the National Guard; he
11 later went to officer school and decided to become a
12 helicopter pilot; and

13 WHEREAS, Lt. Slavenas continued his academic success at
14 the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he
15 earned his industrial engineering degree in December; and

16 WHEREAS, Lt. Slavenas was the youngest of three boys; his
17 father and his brothers all served in the United States
18 military; he was a member of F Company, 106th Aviation
19 Battalion based in Peoria; he had been in the Middle East
20 since April and in Iraq since July; and

21 WHEREAS, The passing of Lt. Slavenas will be deeply felt
22 by many, especially his mother, Rose Marie; his father and
23 stepmother, Ronald and Chris; his two brothers, Eric and
24 Marcus; and his stepbrother and stepsister; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we mourn the passing of 1st Lt. Brian Slavenas along with all
28 who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to
29 his family and friends; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That he will be remembered for his bravery and
31 his willingness to serve our country, which led him to making

1 the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of 1st Lt. Brian Slavenas as an
4 expression of our deepest sympathy.