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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Marine PFC Geoffrey S. Morris on April 4, 2004, in combat with enemy forces near the towns of Fallujah and Ramadi in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Morris was with the weapons company of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Morris grew up in Gurnee, the big brother of five other siblings; he played football at the Warren Township Center and local high school for eight years; and

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WHEREAS, He enlisted in the Marine Corps in his last year of high school and began his training soon after graduation in 2003; he was last stationed at Camp Pendleton before being deployed to Iraq on February 15, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Morris was a man of deep conviction and passion for God, his country, and the Marine Corps; his commitment to the mission of bringing peace and stability to the Iraqi people and the region was unwavering; even at his young age, he was able to embody the spirit of the Marine Corps, being faithful always to his family, his friends, and his country; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Morris loved to hunt pheasants, geese and ducks, and fish for salmon and trout on Lake Michigan with his father and friends; he felt fulfilled when playing paintball in the backyard with his buddies; he was most content teaching chess, playing games and entertaining younger kids, and had built some relationships with local Iraqi children; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of PFC Geoffrey S. Morris will be

1 deeply felt by many, especially his father, Kirk S. and devoted  
2 second mother, Vickie (Vander Werff, Bisk); his siblings,  
3 Jennifer, Lauren, Taylor, Austin, and little Dylan; his  
4 grandparents, Ralph W. Morris, Virginia Balmes, and Gary L.,  
5 and Jane Hein; his uncles, Doug and Gary Hein; his grandmother,  
6 Helen Lundstrom; his uncles, Christopher Morris, Timothy  
7 Morris, and Todd Woods; and his aunt, Melissa Barrett; and

8 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his mother, Leslie  
9 Marie (nee Hein) Morris; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Marine PFC Geoffrey S. Morris along with all who knew and loved  
13 him and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends,  
14 and community; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Marine PFC Geoffrey S. Morris as a  
17 token of our deepest sympathy.