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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the death in Iraq of Jeremy Ridlen of Decatur on Sunday, May 23, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ridlen valiantly served his country as a member of the Illinois National Guard 1544th Transportation Company headquartered in Paris; he had been serving in Iraq since February; his twin brother, Jason Ridlen served in the same company; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ridlen graduated from Maroa-Forsyth High School in 1998; he was attending Illinois State University in Normal before his unit was activated and deployed to Iraq; he attended the Peoples Church of God in Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Jeremy Ridlen has been deeply felt by many, especially his mother, Cheryl; his father, Ed Ridlen; his brother, Jason; and his sister, Amanda Brady; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Jeremy Ridlen, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Jeremy Ridlen and his willingness to serve our country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jeremy Ridlen as an expression of our sincere condolences during their time of bereavement.

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