



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Marine Lance Corporal Sean Maher of the Grayslake
3 area died February 2, 2005, while conducting security
4 operations in Iraq two days before he was to leave the country
5 as his tour was ending; his unit, the 1st Marine Expeditionary
6 Force, was ambushed in Al Anbar province near Fallujah; and

7 WHEREAS, He talked about joining the Marines on March 19,
8 2003, the day the United States invaded Iraq; within a week, he
9 had enlisted and turned down an opportunity to enroll at
10 Southern Illinois University; he left for boot camp two months
11 after graduating from high school; and

12 WHEREAS, He was a 2003 Warren Township graduate and had
13 been a member of the school's varsity football, swim, and track
14 teams; and

15 WHEREAS, He will be remembered as being kind, generous, and
16 athletic; he was a bright light, a fun-loving young man who was
17 mature beyond his 19 years; he had a good sense of humor and a
18 good sense of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, He is survived by his father and mother, Daniel
20 and Janet Maher; his sister, Katie; his brother, Dan; and his
21 aunt, Peggy O'Keefe; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 together with his family, friends, fellow members of the United
25 States armed forces, and the citizens of this State and this
26 great nation, we mourn the passing of Marine Lance Corporal
27 Sean Maher and we extend to his family our sincerest
28 condolences; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
2 sympathy.