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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor members of the U.S. Armed Forces who willingly and faithfully serve and as result, pay the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Kyle B. Wehrly was a member of Battery C of the 123rd Artillery Unit the Illinois National Guard based out of Galesburg, but was deployed with Battery B, based out of Macomb; he was serving in in Ashraf, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during patrol operations; he died on November 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on October 4, 1977, in Nashville, Illinois, to Reverend Peter Wehrly and Nita Cross; he was a 1996 midterm graduate of Galesburg High School, where he is remembered for his sense of humor, the way he looked out for his brother, and his willingness to accept responsibility; he joined the Illinois National Guard during his junior year on September 28, 1995; and

WHEREAS, He worked at Lowe's and had also worked for Hansen Lumber and Carter Lumber; he officiated soccer and played slow-pitch softball; he loved the Cubs; and

WHEREAS, He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart among many other citations; and

WHEREAS, The sacrifice Sergeant Wehrly made is one that should be remembered; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly urge the Illinois National Guard to name the National Guard Readiness Facility under construction in Galesburg in his honor; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
2 the Illinois National Guard and to the family of Sergeant First
3 Class Wehrly.