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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of United States Army Sergeant Anthony Robert Silva of Columbia, who passed away on July 23, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Anthony Silva was born on January 25, 1986, in Inglewood, California; he is the son of Dave and Diane Silva; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Anthony Silva graduated from Columbia High School in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Anthony Silva served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Army; he served with the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado; he had previously been stationed in South Korea; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Anthony Silva was a member of American Legion Post 581 and St. Paul United Church of Christ in Columbia; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Anthony Silva was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Elmer E. Blank; his paternal grandfather, Fred Silva; and his uncle, Fred R. Silva; and

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1           WHEREAS, Sgt. Anthony Silva is survived by his parents,  
2           Dave and Diane Silva; his brother, Joey Silva; his maternal  
3           grandmother, Evelyn (Harres) Blank; his paternal grandmother,  
4           Ramona Silva; his uncle, Robert L. (Mary Sue) Blank; his  
5           cousins, Jessica (Brent) Neumeyer and Brenna and Trent Blank;  
6           and his other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
8           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
9           his family and friends, the passing of United States Army  
10          Sergeant Anthony Robert Silva; and be it further

11          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12          presented to the family of Sgt. Anthony Silva as an expression  
13          of our sympathy.