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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Captain Antoine Marvin Lewis; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Antoine Lewis was born in Chicago to  
5 Rodney A. Sr. and Antoinette Lewis on May 9, 1979; he graduated  
6 from Rich Central High School in 1997; he was very studious and  
7 felt it was important to understand history and African  
8 culture; he joined the U.S. Army as a track vehicle mechanic  
9 and spent his first three years stationed in Germany; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Antoine Lewis left the military and spent  
11 some time as a civilian recruiter; he worked as an interstate  
12 truck driver and, after visiting most of the big cities in the  
13 U.S., felt that Chicago was the greatest of them all; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Antoine Lewis re-enlisted in the military  
15 as a motor transport/truck driver; he soon decided to become a  
16 logistical officer; he attended Officer Candidate School and  
17 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant Transportation Officer  
18 in 2011; after achieving his goal of becoming an officer, he  
19 continued to travel the world, visiting Germany, Kosovo, Ghana,  
20 France, the Dominican Republic, China, Ireland, Thailand, the  
21 Philippines, and Canada; during this time, he completed his  
22 Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Strayer

1 University; and

2 WHEREAS, Captain Antoine Lewis was serving in Afghanistan  
3 in 2012 when he met Yalena Lopez; he was stationed in Korea  
4 from 2015 to 2017; he and Yalena were married on March 25,  
5 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, After 14 years of military service, Captain  
7 Antoine Lewis was a highly decorated captain and received  
8 numerous awards and honors; and

9 WHEREAS, Captain Antoine Lewis was committed to life-long  
10 learning, loved all people, attended church faithfully, and was  
11 devoted to illuminating the beauty and richness of Africa; and

12 WHEREAS, Captain Antoine Lewis was preceded in death by his  
13 sister, Kristina Lynn Lewis; and

14 WHEREAS, Captain Antoine Lewis is survived by his wife,  
15 Yalena Lopez-Lewis, his sons, Antoine Marvin Lewis Jr. and  
16 Messiah Phelps; his parents; and his siblings, Ronetta Hoskins,  
17 Rodney (Terry) Lewis Jr., Antoinette Lewis Jr., Monica (Marcus)  
18 Wilson, Markita Lewis, Michael Lewis, and Angelo Lewis;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Captain Antoine Marvin Lewis and extend our sincere condolences  
3 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Captain Antoine Lewis as an  
7 expression of our deepest sympathy.