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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 Specialist Andrew Paul Wade of Antioch, who passed away on March 9, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Andrew Wade was born on February 27, 1989, in Fort Hood, Texas; he was the son of Douglas and Elizabeth (Hagedorn) Wade; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Andrew Wade grew up in Antioch; he was a 2007 graduate of Antioch Community High School, where he was a very active soccer player; during high school, he started with the varsity team for two years and was one of the few juniors to aid the team in winning the regional and divisional championships, including the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division crown, and assisted on one of the two goals that led to the team's victory; he was named for All-Sectional Honors by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association and the Daily Herald All-Area Team in 2006; he also played with the Chicago Kickers Soccer Club for six years; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Andrew Wade joined the United States Army in September of 2008 as a 5th generation soldier; after completing his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat

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1 Team of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York; he
2 was deployed to serve in Afghanistan in support of Operation
3 Enduring Freedom in the spring of 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Spc. Andrew Wade earned many decorations and
5 awards for his service, including the NATO Medal, the Army
6 Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the
7 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service
8 Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon,
9 and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

10 WHEREAS, Spc. Andrew Wade was a member of St. Peter Church;
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12 WHEREAS, Spc. Andrew Wade was preceded in death by his
13 paternal grandparents, Paul and Delorouse Wade; and

14 WHEREAS, Spc. Andrew Wade is survived by his parents,
15 Elizabeth and Douglas Wade; his sister, Alicia (Damon)
16 Litchfield; his brothers, Steven and Jonathan Wade; his
17 maternal grandparents, Mary Jane Hagedorn and Richard
18 Hagedorn; his nieces, Veronica Mauritz and Haley Braverman; and
19 his nephews, Derrion and Dominic Litchfield; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Specialist Andrew Paul
2 Wade; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Spc. Andrew Wade as an expression of
5 our sympathy.