

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of
4 Sergeant Bradley S. Korthaus, United States Marine Corps, of
5 Davenport, Iowa on Monday, March 24, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Korthaus died while valiantly serving
7 his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom; he was a member of
8 the Peoria-based, C Company, 4th Support Service Group, 6th
9 Battalion; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Korthaus was born on May 19, 1974 in
11 Davenport to Steven Bruce and Marilyn Kay Smeaton Korthaus;
12 he graduated in 1992 from Assumption High School in
13 Davenport, where he participated in football, wrestling,
14 soccer, and tennis; and

15 WHEREAS, Following graduation, he pursued his dream of
16 becoming a United States Marine; he served four years of
17 active duty and was stationed in various parts of the world,
18 and he participated in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant Korthaus had been employed by Ryan &
20 Associates, Inc.; he was an apprentice and was posthumously
21 awarded Honorary Journeymen status; he was a member of Holy
22 Family Catholic Church, Plumbers & Pipefitters Union - Local
23 25, Pheasants Forever, and Ducks Unlimited; and

24 WHEREAS, The passing of Sergeant Korthaus has been deeply
25 felt by many, especially his parents, Steve and Marilyn
26 Korthaus; his brother, Drew Korthaus and his fiancée, Angela
27 Miller; his fiancée, Barbi Schneckloth; his grandmothers,
28 Marietta Smeaton and Ruby Korthaus; and his many aunts,
29 uncles, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
31 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 together with his friends, family, and this great nation, we
2 mourn the passing of Sergeant Bradley S. Korthaus, United
3 States Marine Corps, and we extend to them our deepest
4 sympathy; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sergeant Korthaus
6 and his willingness to serve our country, which led to him
7 making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Sergeant Bradley S. Korthaus as an
10 expression of our sincere condolences during their time of
11 loss.