

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Lance Cpl.  
4 Nicholas Kleiboeker of Odin who was killed on May 13, 2003  
5 while serving with the United States Marine Corps near Al  
6 Hillah, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

7 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Kleiboeker was trapped in an  
8 ammunition bunker which caught fire and exploded; he was  
9 serving as a combat engineer with the United States 2nd  
10 Marine Division assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 4th  
11 Marines; and

12 WHEREAS, Fulfilling a long-held dream, he enlisted in the  
13 Marines and left for boot camp on October 12, 2001; he was  
14 deployed to Kuwait on Valentine's Day earlier this year; and

15 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Kleiboeker was the son of Gary  
16 Kleiboeker and Gary and Teresa Clark; he was a graduate of  
17 Odin High School; he had a warm personality and affectionate  
18 regard for others; and

19 WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kleiboeker  
20 will be deeply felt by all who knew him; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we mourn the tragic death of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kleiboeker  
24 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends,  
25 and community; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 presented to the family of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kleiboeker as  
28 an expression of our deepest sympathy.