

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the May 13,
4 2003 death of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian Kleiboeker, 19, of
5 Irvington, Illinois when the munitions bunker he was working
6 in caught fire and exploded near Al Hillah, Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Kleiboeker was assigned to the 2nd
8 Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, based at Camp
9 Lejeune, N.C.; he grew up in Odin, located 148 miles south of
10 Springfield just south of Centralia; he graduated from Odin
11 High School, a school of less than one hundred students in
12 Odin, Illinois in 2001 where he was an Honor Roll student;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, He was a Christian who enjoyed hunting and
15 fishing and chose to serve his country by pursuing a
16 life-long dream of becoming a Marine; and planned to go to
17 college before officers school; and

18 WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian
19 Kleiboeker will be deeply felt by all who knew him,
20 especially his parents, Gary Kleiboeker of Iuka and Gary and
21 Teresa Clark of Sumner; sisters, Jessica Kleiboeker of Iuka,
22 Hillary, Brittany, and Jennifer of Sumner; and brother, J.R.
23 Kleiboeker; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 together with his family, friends, educators, community, and
27 fellow members of the United States armed forces, we mourn
28 the death of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian Kleiboeker, who will
29 be remembered for his selflessness, bravery, patriotism,
30 sense of humor, confidence, generosity, kindness, and strong
31 character and we offer our deepest sympathy to all who knew
32 and loved him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian
3 Kleiboeker as an expression of our sincerest condolences.