



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of U.S.
4 Army PFC Shawn C. Edwards on April 23, 2004 when his convoy hit
5 a roadside bomb in Samarra, Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS, PFC Edwards was assigned to the U.S. Army's 121st
7 Signal Battalion 1st Infantry Division; and

8 WHEREAS, PFC Edwards was born in New Mexico and moved to
9 Bensenville with his family in 1993; and

10 WHEREAS, He enlisted in the U.S. Army as a junior in high
11 school and began service after graduating from York Community
12 High School in Elmhurst in 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, In high school he wrestled and played football and
14 planned to return to college when he completed his military
15 duty; and

16 WHEREAS, He discovered a passion for electronics and
17 computers while in the U.S. Army and hoped to pursue this
18 passion when he returned home; and

19 WHEREAS, PFC Edwards comes from a military family; his
20 father served in Vietnam and his grandfather was in World War
21 II; and

22 WHEREAS, PFC Edwards had previously been stationed in
23 Kitzingen, Germany, and arrived in Iraq in early February; and

24 WHEREAS, PFC Edwards was proud to serve his country and
25 showed his commitment to restoring peace by volunteering for
26 duties in Iraq; and

1 WHEREAS, PFC Edwards strived to be a good soldier and at
2 the young age of 20 embodied the true spirit of a soldier,
3 being faithful and loyal always to his family, friends, and
4 country; and

5 WHEREAS, We recognize PFC Edwards for his unwavering
6 bravery and service to his country; and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of U.S. Army PFC Shawn C. Edwards will
8 be deeply felt by many, especially his father Glen and devoted
9 mother Elizabeth, his sister and best friend Robin, and dozens
10 of family and friends; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 mourn the passing of U.S. Army PFC Shawn C. Edwards along with
14 all who knew and loved him, and we extend our sincere
15 condolences to his family, friends, and community; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of U.S. Army PFC Shawn
18 C. Edwards and his willingness to serve our country which led
19 to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of U.S. Army PFC Shawn C. Edwards as a
22 token of our deepest sympathy.