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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the death in Iraq of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Torrey Stoffel-Gray of Patoka on Sunday, April 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Stoffel-Gray was born on December 17, 1984, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Jerry and Mary Henson Stoffel; he lived his life in Patoka and Salem; he attended Patoka High School and after graduation, he attended the Lincoln Challenge Military Academy in Rantoul; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Stoffel-Gray enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2002 and had his initial training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California; he was serving in Fallujah, Iraq, as a rifleman with the Second Platoon, Third Company, Fourth Marine Regiment, Lima Company; he was awarded a Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and a Purple Heart; he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2055 of Centralia, American Legion Post 463 of Centralia, and American Legion Post 543 in Patoka; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Corporal Torrey Stoffel-Gray has been deeply felt by many, especially his parents, Jerry and Mary Stoffel; his brothers, Brandon Stoffel-Gray, Russell Stoffel, and Blake Stoffel; his fiancée, Kari Atchison; his grandparents, Martha Stoffel and Robert and Linda Gray; his great-grandmother, Marion Patterson; and his uncles and aunts, Jeff and Elizabeth Stoffel, Rebecca and Duane Veal, Shiela and Rick Plemons, Betty Haley, Sarah and Bruce Duncan, and Judy and Dwayne Greene; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 mourn the passing of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Torrey
3 Stoffel-Gray, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family,
4 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Lance Corporal Torrey
6 Stoffel-Gray and his willingness to serve our country, which
7 led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Lance Corporal Torrey Stoffel-Gray
10 as an expression of our sincerest condolences during their time
11 of bereavement.