



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn that Army Rangers
4 specialist Pat Tillman died on a mission in southeastern
5 Afghanistan on April 22, 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Pat Tillman was nationally known as a consummate
7 student-athlete playing football as a linebacker for Arizona
8 State University and graduating summa cum laude in 1997 with a
9 degree in marketing; and

10 WHEREAS, Pat Tillman went on to play in the National
11 Football League as a linebacker with the Arizona Cardinals and
12 later played safety, setting a Cardinal franchise record for
13 tackles with 223; and

14 WHEREAS, The September 11, 2001 attacks on the United
15 States motivated Tillman to leave a promising career in
16 professional football to serve his nation in Operation Enduring
17 Freedom; and

18 WHEREAS, Twenty-seven year-old Tillman served as an Army
19 Rangers specialist in the 75th Ranger Regiment, a light
20 infantry unit out of Fort Benning, Georgia in which Tillman's
21 brother is also a member; and

22 WHEREAS, Pat Tillman was killed during an ambush on a
23 coalition combat patrol near the village of Sperah in
24 Afghanistan; and

25 WHEREAS, The passing of Pat Tillman will be deeply felt by
26 many, and he will be remembered for his willingness to serve
27 our country, which led him to make the ultimate sacrifice and
28 be a role model and inspiration to others; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn the passing of Army Ranger Pat Tillman along with all who
4 knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family and friends; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the members of the House of Representatives
7 urge the National Football League commissioner Paul Tagliabue
8 to consider any options for the induction of Pat Tillman into
9 the NFL Hall of Fame with full rights and privileges for his
10 devotion and service to our country and for being an
11 inspiration and role model to all; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Pat Tillman and to NFL commissioner
14 Paul Tagliabue as an expression of our deepest gratitude for
15 this young man's sacrifice for our country.