



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives of the State of Illinois were deeply saddened
4 to learn of the death of Army National Guard Sergeant Shawna
5 Morrison of Paris on September 5, 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Morrison, 26, was killed in a mortar
7 attack on a United States Army compound on the outskirts of
8 Baghdad; she was with the Army National Guard's 1544th
9 Transportation Company out of Paris; and

10 WHEREAS, the 1544th is attached to the Army's 13th Corps
11 Support Command, which oversees distribution of military fuel,
12 food, water, and other supplies to United States forces across
13 Iraq; Sergeant Morrison handled satellite and computer
14 communications and drove a truck, and was working mostly in
15 ensuring that communication was maintained between units; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Morrison belonged to the track team and
17 the flag corps at Paris High School; it was Sergeant Morrison's
18 adventurous spirit that propelled her to seek the new, the
19 different, the stimulating, in life; and

20 WHEREAS, While still in high school, Sergeant Morrison
21 signed up for the Illinois Army National Guard, and in November
22 2003, while away in college in Champaign, she was called to
23 active duty to serve in Iraq; and

24 WHEREAS, Sergeant Morrison often took fishing trips with
25 her family, and she was known never to have minded threading a
26 worm onto a hook; she will be remembered by many as a heroic
27 young woman, deserving of honor; and

28 WHEREAS, Her death will be deeply felt by all who knew and
29 loved her, especially her parents, Rick and Cindy Morrison, and

1 her 17 year-old brother, Allan; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 together with her family, friends, and the citizens of this
5 State and this great nation, we mourn the passing of Army
6 National Guard Sergeant Shawna Morrison, and extend to her
7 family and friends our sincerest condolences; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Army National Guard Sergeant Shawna
10 Morrison, as an expression of our deepest sympathy for their
11 loss.