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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of United States Army Specialist Brandon Jacob Rowe of Roscoe on Monday, March 31, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Rowe was killed in action in the war in Iraq near the city of Najaf; he was a member of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) of the United States Army based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was the first member of the 101st to die in combat; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Rowe was born on April 14, 1982 in Rockford, the son of Wendy Borowski and Milton Rowe; he was a 2000 graduate of Hononegah High School; he had worked at DiGiovanni's Restaurant and Highlander Supermarket in Roscoe while in school; he attended Rock Valley College before enlisting in the United States Army in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Rowe's ambition was to attend college to study computers after completion of his military service; he was a Chicago Bears and Kentucky Wildcats fan; he enjoyed playing computer games and listening to music, and especially enjoyed spending time with his "buds"; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Specialist Brandon Jacob Rowe has been deeply felt by many, including his mother and stepfather, Wendy and Rick Borowski; his father, Milton Rowe; his sister, Leah (Doug Yates) Rowe; his brothers, Brent (Burgundy) Rowe and Kevin (Mandy) Rowe; his maternal grandfather, George Scheidegger; his paternal grandmother, Tennessee (Rush) Sanders; his step-grandparents, Frank and Jean Borowski; his special nephews, Devon Scheidegger and Austin Wheat; his numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his many special friends, including Nicol Paige; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that together with his  
3 family, friends, and this great nation, we mourn the passing  
4 of Specialist Brandon Jacob Rowe, United States Army, and we  
5 extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy; and be  
6 it further

7           RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Specialist Rowe and  
8 his willingness to serve our country, which led to him making  
9 the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Specialist Brandon Jacob Rowe,  
12 United States Army, as an expression of our sincere  
13 condolences during this time of loss.