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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were saddened to learn of the death of United States Marine Corps helicopter pilot Capt. Adam Miller of Midlothian on January 22, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Miller was among the four people tragically killed when a military helicopter crashed during a training exercise at a Camp Pendelton, a base north of San Diego; he was part of a detachment from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, attached to the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 166, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Miller had returned from Iraq in August and was set to redeploy there in June; he had previously served in Afghanistan; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Miller graduated from Oak Forest High School, where he played basketball; he was a member of a group of friends that his parents, Joe and Sandra Miller, dubbed "The Brainiacs"; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Miller's military career started after he earned a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering in 1996 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; it was at college that he met Nicole, his wife of three years and an Aurora native; and

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WHEREAS, Upon graduation, he was accepted into the Marines' officer training school in Quantico, Virginia, and became a lieutenant in 1997; he earned his wings in 1998 and his mother was honored to pin them on during the ceremony; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Capt. Adam Miller will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Nicole; his parents, Joseph

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1 and Sandra (nee Schmeski); his siblings, James and Melissa; his
2 nephew, Jacob; his grandparents, Edward and Joyce Schmeski; his
3 uncles, John Schmeski, Wade (Dawn) Schmeski and Jimmy, Gene,
4 Jerry, Tommy (Kathy), Jack, Denny (Joyce) and Mickey Miller;
5 his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Josef and Linda (nee
6 Masters) Ratschan; and his sister-in-law, Kristin (Henry)
7 Reifsnyder; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the tragic
10 death of Capt. Adam Miller along with all who knew and loved
11 him and extend our sincere condolences to his family and
12 friends; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Capt. Adam Miller as an expression
15 of our deepest sympathy.