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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the tragic death of Army Cpl. Forest Joseph Jostes of Albion on April 4, 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Forest Joseph Jostes was born on April 30, 1982, in Warrensburg, Missouri, the son of Von and Diane Ibbotson; and

WHEREAS, He was a 2000 graduate of Edwards County High School; he joined the Army on his 17th birthday and became a member of the 25th Army Combat Engineers out of Lawrenceville; he later joined active duty with the 1st 82nd Field Artillery as part of the 1st Calvary out of Ft. Hood, Texas; he had been in Iraq for about three weeks; he was a decorated soldier and received four Army Achievement Awards; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Army Cpl. Forest Joseph Jostes will be deeply felt by many, especially his parents, Von and Diane Ibbotson; his sister, Michelle (Brian) Lee Teeter; his brothers, Benjamin L. Jostes and Evan R. Ibbotson; his grandparents, John and Laura Ibbotson, Glen and Darlene Kellison, and Norman and Shirley Costley; his nieces and nephews; and his several aunts, uncles, and cousins; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that that together with his family, friends, educators, community, and fellow members of the United States Armed Forces, we mourn the death of Army Cpl. Forest Joseph Jostes, who will be remembered as a patriotic, brave and courageous man, and offer our deepest sympathy to all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Army Cpl. Forest Joseph Jostes as an
2 expression of our deepest sympathy.