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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death in Iraq of U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant Landis Garrison of Rapids City on Thursday, April 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Landis Garrison was born on January 8, 1981, in Moline to Randy and Leah Garrison; he was a 1999 graduate of Riverdale High School; and

WHEREAS, While in school, Landis was involved in Cub Scouts Den 4 Pack 304 in Port Byron; he was an East Moline Police Explorer with Post 9594 and achieved the rank of Captain; while still in high school, he joined the Port Byron Fire Department; he was a volunteer with the Department of Children and Family Services as a mentor; he was involved in the family businesses of Quality Repair Inc., Quality Snow Removal, and Quality Trucking Inc., all in Colona; he was employed part time at Grisham's Towing Service in Hampton; and he was a part time police officer for the Hampton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Garrison attended several Fire College classes while with the Port Byron Fire Department and was completing police training with the Hampton Police Department before departure to Iraq; he was deployed on February 9, 2003, and left for Iraq in April; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Garrison graduated boot camp and AIT at Fort Leonard Wood on March 31, 2000, Company A 795th MP Battalion; he was assigned most recently with the Army National Guard Unit, 333rd Military Police Company of Freeport; while with the 333rd, he helped with the Quad City Flood of 2001 and served airport security duty after September 11, 2001, at Chicago O'Hare and Peoria airports for several months; he completed training with the 333rd in Germany and Nicaragua; and

1           WHEREAS, Sergeant Garrison loved life and a good challenge,  
2 family, friends, and flashing lights, the more the better; he  
3 was an avid WLLR country music fan, enjoyed line dancing, and  
4 was a John Deere toy collector, both big and small; he loved  
5 working at the shop, driving semis, running heavy equipment,  
6 and especially plowing snow; he was proud to serve his country,  
7 fellow officers, and help people of all walks of life; and

8           WHEREAS, The passing of Sergeant Landis Garrison has been  
9 deeply felt by many, especially his parents, Randy and Leah  
10 Garrison; his brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and April  
11 Musser; his sister and brother-in-law, Amber and Bradley  
12 Peterson; his grandparents, Landis and Elizabeth Garrison,  
13 Lela Roselieb, and Sally Musser; his uncles and aunts, Mike and  
14 Cindy Garrison, Jeff and Pam Miller, Rick and Pat Edie, Darrell  
15 and Marilyn Roselieb, Jerry Roselieb, and David and Georgia  
16 Cooper; his many cousins; his two very special nephews, Hayden  
17 Musser and Brady Peterson; his secondary family, John, Trena,  
18 Tony, Jessica, and Adam DeCap; and his many other special  
19 friends; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
22 U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant Landis Garrison, and we  
23 extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who  
24 knew and loved him; and be it further

25           RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sergeant Landis  
26 Garrison and his willingness to serve our country which led to  
27 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

28           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to the family of Sergeant Landis Garrison as an  
30 expression of our sincere condolences.