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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret and sadness of the death of Staff Sergeant William D. Chaney of Schaumburg on Tuesday, May 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chaney valiantly served his country as a crew chief in B Company of the 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment of the United States Army; he had been serving in Iraq for over two months before becoming ill; and

WHEREAS, Since the company's mobilization during the month of December, Staff Sergeant Chaney stood out among soldiers; from March 1, 2004 to April 29, 2004, he flew on 42 missions and logged over 100 hours of combat time; and

WHEREAS, Flying so many hours over such a short period of time is one of the many examples of Sergeant Chaney's dedication and exceptional work ethic; he applied his technical knowledge, judgement, and common sense everyday toward ensuring that whatever needed to be done was done; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chaney was known to always put others first; he selflessly challenged, trained, and mentored the soldiers around him; he led by example; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Staff Sergeant Chaney has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Carol; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Sergeant William D. Chaney, a soldier whose influence on the lives and attitudes of those he served with will live; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Sergeant William D. Chaney as an
3 expression of our sincerest condolences and of our gratitude
4 for his service to our country.