



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Alexander Bailey Crackel
3 of England was killed in action February 24, 2005, along the
4 Iraq/Kuwait border, when a bomb exploded near his truck; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Crackel considered the Army a great
6 challenge and a chance to gain another family; he had the
7 military in his blood, with several members of his family
8 having served in the military, including his father and
9 brother; and

10 WHEREAS, He had spent several years in England and
11 graduated from the equivalent of high school across the ocean;
12 in 1998, he decided to join the Army and become a career Army
13 man; and

14 WHEREAS, He had received the Meritorious Service Medal,
15 Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), National Defense Service
16 Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War
17 on Terrorism Service Medal, Professional Development Ribbon,
18 Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Weapons
19 Qualification Badge (M16a2-Expert); and

20 WHEREAS, He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart
21 Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Bronze Star Medal;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, He will be remembered as a quiet man who had a
24 great sense of humor and was always cracking jokes; and

25 WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife and 7-year-old daughter
26 in England; his father, Clinton E. Crackel of North Aurora; his
27 mother in England, and his brother, James; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 together with his family, friends, fellow members of the United
3 States armed forces, and the citizens of this State and this
4 great nation, we mourn the passing of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant
5 Alexander Bailey Crackel and extend to his family our sincerest
6 condolences; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
9 sympathy.