



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Marine Sergeant Thomas Michael
5 Gilbert of Downers Grove, Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Thomas Gilbert died on October 25, 2006, defending
7 his country while serving his second tour in Iraq, for which he
8 volunteered; he was killed in combat while fighting insurgents
9 in the Anbar province of Iraq, just west of Baghdad; and

10 WHEREAS, He was a 2000 graduate of Downers Grove North High
11 School; he attended Lester, Herrick, and Downers Grove North
12 schools; he played football in high school, as well as being a
13 member of the track team; and

14 WHEREAS, He was a marketing major at Western Michigan
15 University; he joined the Marine Reserve in September of 2000;
16 he was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th
17 Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, based out of Grand
18 Rapids, Michigan; and

19 WHEREAS, Thomas Gilbert is described as a proud Irishman
20 who loved hunting, fishing, riding his motorcycle,
21 wakeboarding, outdoor sports, and hanging out with his friends;
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23 WHEREAS, Letters were read at the funeral of Thomas Gilbert
24 from his Marine unit, thanking him for jeopardizing his life to
25 save his friends; and

26 WHEREAS, Thomas Gilbert was the loving son of Michael and
27 Theresa Gilbert; in addition to his parents, he leaves behind
28 to cherish his memory: his sisters, Tamara Gilbert and Trisha
29 (Brad) Pelhank; his grandparents, George and Joann Cooper and

1 Patricia (the late Harvey "Jack") Gilbert; his aunts and
2 uncles, Mary (Bob) Tennyson, Sharon (the late Jim) Gilbert, Dan
3 (Marla) Gilbert, Margaret (the late Rick) Tovey, Rick (Sandy)
4 Gilbert, Charles Gilbert, Theresa Gilbert, Dave (Peggy)
5 Cooper, and Patti (Rick) Lahey; his cousins, John (Christina)
6 Gilbert, Bridget (Reed) Knowlton, Amy Gilbert, Jennifer (Luke)
7 Crawford, Nick Gilbert, Elizabeth Gilbert, Max Gilbert, Luis
8 Gilbert, MaryJo Gilbert, Josh Mattox, Eddie Mattox, Ricky
9 Gilbert, Brian Gilbert, Ryan Severin, Kalyn Cooper, Tanya
10 Cooper, and Adam Cooper; he was preceded in death by his
11 cousin, Connor Lahey; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we again express our sympathies to the family of Marine
15 Sergeant Thomas Gilbert for his tremendous sacrifice; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Thomas Gilbert.