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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death in Iraq of U.S. Army Corporal Shawn T. Lasswell Jr. of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Alton, on Sunday, April 23, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He grew up in the Alton area; he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, when he was 11 and graduated from Durango High School in 2002; while in high school, he was active in the ROTC program; and

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WHEREAS, He always wanted to serve his country and joined the U.S. Army after high school; and

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WHEREAS, He was assigned to C Troop, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; his unit was deployed to the Middle East in December; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Corporal Lasswell has been deeply felt by many, especially his father, Shawn T. Lasswell Sr.; his stepmother, Kim Lasswell; his brother and sister, 15-year-old twins Toliver and Jessie Lasswell; his 8-year-old brother, Gabriele Lasswell; his mother, Cathy Lynn Zehren; his stepfather, Ron Zehren; and his brothers, Kevin Lasswell and Vincent Gill; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Corporal Shawn T. Lasswell Jr., and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Corporal Lasswell and his willingness to serve his country, which led to him making

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1 the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
4 sympathy.