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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of United States Army Sergeant Blake W. Evans, of Rockford, who was killed while serving his country in Iraq on May 25, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Blake Evans was a 2002 graduate of Guilford High School in Rockford; and

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WHEREAS, Sergeant Blake Evans was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq; he joined the Army in October of 2003 and arrived at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in January of 2004; he was an expert with the M4 assault rifle; he was assigned as an infantryman to Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team; and

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WHEREAS, He was decorated with three Army Achievement Medals, an Army Good Conduct Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, as well as many other medals and badges; and

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WHEREAS, Sergeant Blake Evans is remembered as a man who loved serving his country, and liked to share stories of handing out candy to Iraqi children to watch their faces light up; and

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1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Blake Evans was a soldier, husband, and
2 father; he leaves behind his mother, Judy Ann Belk; his
3 stepfather, Craig Belk; his father, Kenneth Evans; his wife,
4 Shannon; and his two daughters, Kylee and Adriana; therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
9 Sergeant Blake Evans; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sergeant Blake Evans
11 and his willingness to serve his country, which led to him
12 making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of United States Army Sergeant Blake W.
15 Evans as a symbol of our sympathy.