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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of United
4 States Army Specialist Justin Owen Penrod of Mahomet, who was
5 killed in action in Arab Jabour, Iraq, on August 11, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born on December 18, 1982 in Danville; he
7 married Christina Whittington on November 1, 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, He graduated from Lincoln's Challenge Military
9 Academy in Rantoul and later served as a drill instructor at
10 the Academy; he served in the Illinois National Guard from 2000
11 to 2007 with the 2-130th Infantry; he was currently serving his
12 second tour in Iraq with the U.S. Army in the B Company 1-30
13 INF BN with the 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart,
14 Georgia; he was a member of the V.F.W. in Farmer City; and he
15 enjoyed NASCAR, golfing, fishing, barbecuing, and spending
16 time with his family; and

17 WHEREAS, Specialist Penrod received the Bronze Star,
18 Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service
19 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army
20 Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman
21 Badge, and M16 Award Expert Rifle Badge for his brave service;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his sister, Emily
2 Penrod, and his brother, Ricky Reavis; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of United States Army Specialist
4 Justin Penrod will be deeply felt by his wife, Christina; his
5 son, Colin Owen Penrod; his father, George (Diane) Penrod; his
6 brother, Jim Penrod; his niece, Saddle Penrod; his sister,
7 Nicole Escobedo; his nephews, Terry and Trae Escobedo; his
8 nieces, Ty, Kyah, and Ema Ecobedo; his sister, Christi Shank;
9 his nephew, Brock Shank; his nieces, Courtney and Megan Shank;
10 his mother, Tina Tuttle; his father-in-law, Richard (Julie)
11 Whittington; his sister-in-law, Jennifer Ladage; his niece,
12 Emmilee Ladage; and his nephew, Hunter Ladage; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 honor the memory of Specialist Justin Penrod and his
16 willingness to serve his country, which led to him making the
17 ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Specialist Justin Penrod as a symbol
20 of our sincere sympathy.