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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 Private First Class Ja'Mel Bryant, of Belleville,  
5 who was killed in action in Iraq, on September 27, 2008; and

6           WHEREAS, Ja'Mel A. Bryant died after a vehicle accident  
7 while he was on patrol in Wahida, Iraq; U.S. Army Private First  
8 Class Bryant was part of the 40th Engineer Battalion in the 1st  
9 Armored Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team in Baumholder,  
10 Germany; he left for Iraq in April and returned briefly to the  
11 United States in June before resuming his tour in Iraq; and

12           WHEREAS, Ja'Mel Bryant, who started a music career in  
13 Belleville, joined the Army in 2006 because he wanted to change  
14 his life for the better; he loved music and he loved children,  
15 and often passed candy out to children in Iraq; and

16           WHEREAS, He taught himself how to play the piano and  
17 recently produced a rap song with friends in Iraq about the  
18 troubles he had growing up in order to help other children; and

19           WHEREAS, He wanted to go to school for engineering or for  
20 music after the army; he was a former student at Belleville  
21 West High School and remembered as a good student and a good

1 citizen; and

2 WHEREAS, Ja'Mel Bryant is survived by his mother, Cecilia  
3 Eiland; his father, Antonio Bryant Sr.; his brother, Antonio  
4 Bryant Jr.; his grandmother, Barbara Eiland; and his fiancée,  
5 Rochelle Jumper; therefore, 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 United  
9 States Army Private First Class Ja'Mel Bryant; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of United States Army  
12 Private First Class Ja'Mel Bryant and his willingness to serve  
13 his country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of United States Army Private First  
17 Class Ja'Mel Bryant as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.