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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of U.S. Army Specialist Ryan Michael Carper of Sugar Grove, who passed away on August 7, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Ryan Carper was born on August 25, 1987 in Winfield; his parents were Michael and Bridget Carper; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Ryan Carper grew up in Batavia, where he continually pursued his many varied interests over the years; during grade school, he was active in the Cub Scouts and Tri-Cities football and soccer; during middle school, he earned money mowing yards and shoveling snow and was active in his church youth group; he picked up a tennis racket for the first time during his freshman year in high school, becoming a member of the tennis team for all four years of high school; he then attended the University of Illinois and was a member of the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity; he was a good student and perpetually on the honor roll during his time in school; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Ryan Carper was employed at In The Swim in West Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Ryan Carper joined the Illinois National Guard (Army Infantry) and served for three years,

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1 attaining the rank of Specialist; and

2 WHEREAS, Specialist Ryan Carper was preceded in death by
3 his grandfather, William Carper; his uncle, Donald Tucker; and
4 his uncle, Stephen Carper; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Ryan Carper is survived by his parents;
6 his sister, Jessica; his grandmother and step-grandfather,
7 Dale and Florence Lint; his grandparents, Donald and June
8 Tucker; and his many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

9 WHEREAS, Specialist Ryan Carper will be remembered by all
10 who knew and loved him as a loving and caring young man with a
11 great sense of humor and whose sense of pride and duty in
12 serving his country was unmatched; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of U.S. Army Specialist
16 Ryan Michael Carper; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Specialist Ryan Carper as an
19 expression of our sympathy.