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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of United
4 States Army Sergeant Robert M. Weinger of Round Lake Beach, who
5 gave his life to his country in Jalabad, Afghanistan on March
6 15, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on December 22, 1984; he enlisted in
8 the Illinois Army National Guard in January of 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from Round Lake High School in 2003;
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WHEREAS, He enlisted with 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry
12 Regiment, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Woodstock;
13 Sergeant Weinger had been deployed in Iraq for one year for
14 Operation Iraqi Freedom and was one of the soldiers chosen to
15 guard Saddam Hussein; after returning from Iraq, he volunteered
16 to deploy with an infantry unit to Afghanistan for Operation
17 Enduring Freedom; and

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WHEREAS, He and his unit were in Afghanistan helping train
19 local police and the Afghan army; he was promoted posthumously
20 from specialist to sergeant; and

1 WHEREAS, He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and
2 Combat Infantry Badge during his years of service; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert put his heart and soul into whatever he
4 did, whether it was in the United States Army, where he was his
5 unit's weaponry expert, or at home, where he and his brother,
6 Paul, shared a love for cars and skating at the local roller
7 rink and were members of the wrestling team in high school; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Weinger is survived by his father and
9 mother, Howard and Susan; his brother, Paul; the love of his
10 life, Tanya Colatori; and two of his best childhood friends,
11 Jack Pryde (United States Navy) and Bill Coots, who along with
12 Robert, were often referred to as "the Three Stooges";
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of United
17 States Army Sergeant Robert Weinger; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sergeant Robert M.
19 Weinger and his willingness to serve his country, which led to
20 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Sergeant Robert Weinger as a symbol
2 of our sincere sympathy.