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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 Christopher Paul Abeyta of Midlothian, who was killed while serving his country in Afghanistan on March 15, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on April 10, 1985 and loved Big Bird, the Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles, and the Power Rangers; he loved animals, was taught to fish at an early age, and played T-ball; and

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WHEREAS, Christopher was a graduate of Bremen High School Class of 2003, where he participated in football, track, and was a member of the conference champion wrestling squad his senior year; during his high school years he worked at McDonald's and KMart; and

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WHEREAS, He enlisted in the Army National Guard and went to boot camp in Kentucky immediately after high school; in September of 2003 he was deployed to Iraq; he returned home in 2004 and made the decision to make the Army National Guard his career choice, and was deployed to Afghanistan in August of 2008; and

1           WHEREAS, Christopher's grandfather, the late Robert F.  
2           Smith, served in the United States Army in the Korean War and  
3           his uncle, Robert M. Smith, served in the United States Army  
4           during the Vietnam War; and

5           WHEREAS, He was the loving son of Paul and Barbara (nee  
6           Smith); the only grandson of Elvira Abeyta and Jim Vezina; the  
7           beloved nephew of Tom (Chris) Smith, Tracy (Dave) Lohmar,  
8           Robert M. (Maureen) Smith, T.J. (Molly) Smith, Margo (Rene)  
9           Canales, Peilo Garcia, Victor Garcia, Tony Garcia, Lonny  
10          Abeyta, Fred Garcia, Roy Garcia, and Sandy (Junior) Scardini;  
11          the dear cousin of Kristy Barber, Emma Canales, Erica Canales,  
12          Ariel Abeyta, Steven Smith, Carrie Smith, Michael Smith, Bill  
13          Paul, Samantha Paul, Mathew Smith, Patrick Smith, and Freddy  
14          Garcia; therefore, be it

15          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16          NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17          mourn, along with a grateful nation and the people of the State  
18          of Illinois, his family, and his friends, the passing of United  
19          States Army Sergeant Christopher Paul Abeyta; and be it further

20          RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of United States Army  
21          Sergeant Christopher Paul Abeyta and his willingness to serve  
22          his country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice;  
23          and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of United States Army Sergeant  
3 Christopher Paul Abeyta as a symbol of our respect and sincere  
4 sympathy.