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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 Elizabeth  
4 C. Hanson of Rockford, who was tragically killed while  
5 defending America's freedom at a remote base in the mountains  
6 of Afghanistan on December 30, 2009; and

7           WHEREAS, Elizabeth Hanson was born in February of 1979 in  
8 Rockford; she was the daughter of Duane Hanson Jr.; and

9           WHEREAS, Elizabeth Hanson was a 1997 graduate of Keith  
10 Country Day School; she attended Colby College in Waterville,  
11 Maine, where she majored in economics with a concentration in  
12 financial markets and Russian language and culture; she  
13 frequently made the dean's list during college; and

14           WHEREAS, Elizabeth Hanson was attending Colby College at  
15 the time of the September 11th attacks in New York; the event  
16 prompted her to explore the relationship between religion and  
17 economics and to dedicate her life to defending America's  
18 freedom; and

19           WHEREAS, Elizabeth Hanson joined the CIA as a specialist;  
20 she was tasked with finding Islamic extremists and was part of  
21 a team that collects information about militant networks in

1 Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

2 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Hanson dedicated her life to defending  
3 America's freedom and gave the ultimate sacrifice; she will be  
4 missed by her family, friends, coworkers, and all who had the  
5 honor of knowing her during her life; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 mourn, along with her family, friends, and the citizens of a  
9 grateful nation, the passing of Elizabeth C. Hanson; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Elizabeth Hanson as a symbol of our  
13 sincere sympathy and respect.