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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened by the death of United States  
4 Marine Corps Captain Matthew Charles Hays Freeman of Richmond  
5 Hill, Georgia, who gave his life for his country in Kapisa  
6 Province, Afghanistan on August 7, 2009; and

7           WHEREAS, Captain Matthew Freeman was born on January 19,  
8 1980 in Lake Forest; after graduating from the U.S. Naval  
9 Academy in 2002, he was commissioned as an officer with the  
10 United States Marine Corps as a pilot; he was assigned to  
11 Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Third  
12 Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan; he then  
13 volunteered for deployment to Afghanistan with ETT 4-5, 3rd  
14 Brigade 201st, RCAC-C Fwd, where he helped train the Afghan  
15 military on the ground while performing supporting combat  
16 operations; and

17           WHEREAS, During one such combat operation, Captain Matthew  
18 Freeman was on a rooftop directing close-air support when he  
19 was tragically killed; he was posthumously awarded the Purple  
20 Heart and the Bronze Star for his valor and service to our  
21 nation; and

22           WHEREAS, Captain Matthew Freeman is survived by his father,

1 Mark Hays, and his stepmother, Paula Hays; his mother, Lisa  
2 Freeman, and his stepfather, Gary Freeman; his wife, Theresa  
3 Hess Freeman, who currently serves as an Air Force flight  
4 surgeon in Okinawa, Japan; and his two sisters and one brother;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Captain Matthew Freeman's patriotism and courage  
7 will be remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow  
8 soldiers, and the citizens of our grateful nation; therefore,  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of United  
13 States Marine Corps Captain Matthew Charles Hays Freeman; and  
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Captain Matthew  
16 Freeman and his willingness to serve our country, which led to  
17 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Captain Matthew Freeman as an  
20 expression of our sympathy.