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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 Staff Sergeant Justus S. Bartelt of Polo, who gave his life defending America's freedom on July 16, 2010, in the Helmand province of southern Afghanistan; and

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WHEREAS, Justus S. Bartelt was born on July 4, 1983 in Dixon, to Steve Bartelt and Jeannie Kyker; and

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WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bartelt graduated in 2001 from Polo High School and joined the United States Marine Corps in June of 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bartelt was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from March to October of 2005 and again from August of 2008 to March of 2009; he was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in February of 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bartelt's awards and decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism

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1 Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service
2 Medal; and

3 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bartelt will be missed by his
4 parents, Steve Bartelt and Jeannie Kyker; his sisters, Shayann,
5 Simber, and Kellen; as well as his fellow soldiers and the
6 citizens of a grateful nation; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Staff
10 Sergeant Justus S. Bartelt; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Justus
12 S. Bartelt and his willingness to serve his country, which led
13 to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Staff Sergeant Justus S. Bartelt as
16 a symbol of our sincere sympathy.