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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Corporal Casey Hills of Salem, who was killed in the line of duty while serving in Iraq, on June 24, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Casey Hills was born on December 21, 1985 in Springfield to Mark and Tammy Hills; and

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WHEREAS, Casey Hills served as a Corporal in the United States Individual Ready Reserves and was assigned to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Charlie Company, a part of the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Brigade Combat Team; he was a former Illinois National Guardsman; and

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WHEREAS, He was described by his fellow soldiers as having a quiet demeanor, a hard work ethic, and a commitment to the platoon, making him a platoon favorite; he had volunteered to take the place of a fellow soldier who was taking the test to become a U.S. citizen at the time of his accident; and

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WHEREAS, Corporal Casey Hills is survived by his parents, Mark and Tammy Hills; his grandparents, Billy and Violet Hills; his brother, Blake Hills; his sister, Danielle Hills; his niece, Lorelei Hills; and his nephew, Briar Hills; therefore,

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
4 his family, friends, and a grateful nation, the passing of  
5 Corporal Casey Hills; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Corporal Casey Hills  
7 and his willingness to serve his country, which led to him  
8 making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Corporal Casey Hills as a symbol of  
11 our sincere sympathy.