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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 Sergeant Gerrick D. Smith of Sullivan, who was killed in the line of duty in Herat, Afghanistan on July 28, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Gerrick Smith was born February 14, 1990 in Decatur, the son of Marilyn Smith and David Jones; and

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WHEREAS, Gerrick attended the Church of Christ; he was a member of Sullivan Boy Scout Troop #39; and he was a 2008 graduate of Sullivan High School, where he participated in football, soccer, track, and the Sullivan Singers; and

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WHEREAS, He joined the Illinois Army National Guard in his junior year of high school and was mobilized for active duty in October of 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the 130th Infantry based in Marion; he was posthumously promoted to Sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, Sergeant Gerrick Smith is survived by his mother, Marilyn Smith; his sister, Seeley Smith; his maternal grandparents, Tom and Mary Smith; his father, David Jones; his paternal grandparents, Dale and Sharon Jones; his

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1 half-brother, Eric Jones; his nephew, several aunts and uncles,
2 and many friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
5 his family and friends and a grateful nation, the passing of
6 Sergeant Gerrick D. Smith; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sergeant Gerrick
8 Smith and his willingness to serve his country, which led to
9 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Sergeant Gerrick Smith as a symbol
12 of our sincere sympathy.