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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Corporal Alex Martinez, a United States Marine  
3 Corps member, was killed in action while nobly serving his  
4 country conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province,  
5 Afghanistan; and

6           WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez was part of the 1st Combat  
7 Engineer Battalion of the 1st Marine Division in Camp  
8 Pendleton, California; and

9           WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez was born and raised in Elgin,  
10 where he attended Harriet Gifford Elementary, Abbott Middle  
11 School, and Larkin High School; by the time he was a junior at  
12 Larkin High School, he knew he wanted to be a Marine; and

13           WHEREAS, His desire to serve his country stemmed from his  
14 family history of service, as his father, Enrique Martinez, is  
15 a longtime Navy reservist and his aunt served in the Army; and

16           WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez married his high school  
17 sweetheart, Julianna in 2008; and then graduated early from  
18 high school in 2009; a few weeks after turning 18, Corporal  
19 Martinez enlisted in the Marine Corps and left for boot camp  
20 the next month; and

1           WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez was on his second deployment to  
2 Afghanistan when he was killed; and

3           WHEREAS, Corporal Martinez hoped to start a family with his  
4 wife as soon as he completed his service and dreamed of someday  
5 becoming a firefighter; and

6           WHEREAS, His faith was very important to Corporal Martinez,  
7 who attended Life Changers International Church; and

8           WHEREAS, Corporal Alex Martinez is survived by his wife,  
9 Julianna Martinez; his mother, Socorro Bethke; his father,  
10 Enrique Martinez; and his siblings: Eileen Bethke, James  
11 Bethke, Jenny Martinez, Brandon Martinez, Nicholas Martinez,  
12 and Ilyana Martinez; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we mourn, along with his family, friends, and a grateful  
16 nation, the passing of Corporal Alex Martinez; and be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Corporal Alex  
19 Martinez and his willingness to serve his country, which led to  
20 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Corporal Alex Martinez as a symbol  
3 of our sincere sympathy.