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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 United States Marine Corps Corporal Aaron J. Ripperda of Marine, who passed away on March 18, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Cpl. Aaron Ripperda was born on January 8, 1987, in Breese; his parents were Kent Ripperda and Tina Sutton; and

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WHEREAS, Cpl. Aaron Ripperda graduated from Highland High School in 2005; after 1 year at St. Xavier University in Chicago, he enrolled in and graduated from L'Ecole Culinaire in St. Louis; he was planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in business from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville; and

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WHEREAS, Cpl. Aaron Ripperda enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2008; he was attached to the 2nd Marine Division and served his nation with dignity and pride; and

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WHEREAS, Cpl. Aaron Ripperda was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Clarence "Louie" Ripperda, and his maternal grandmother, Dorothy Lesicko; and

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WHEREAS, Cpl. Aaron Ripperda is survived by his father, Kent (Colleen) Ripperda; his mother, Tina (Jeff) Sutton; his

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1 sister, Kendall (significant other, Charlie Swaim) Ripperda;
2 his paternal grandmother, Rita Ripperda; his maternal
3 grandfather, Ronald (Jackie) Lesicko; his special friend,
4 Jessica Iskrzycki; his aunts and uncles, Kurt (Lynn) Ripperda,
5 Cara (significant other, John Zerkle) Tomasek, William
6 (Beverly) Lesicko, and Patrick (Julie) Lesicko; and his many
7 cousins; and

8 WHEREAS, Cpl. Aaron Ripperda's patriotism and courage will
9 be remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow soldiers,
10 and the citizens of our grateful nation; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the passing of United States Marine
14 Corps Corporal Aaron J. Ripperda; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Cpl. Aaron Ripperda as an expression
17 of our sympathy.