

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Sergeant Major Carl Laverle Hite,
5 who recently passed away; and

6 WHEREAS, As a young man, Sergeant Major Hite was an Eagle
7 Scout and then served as Scout Master for Troop 202; he grew
8 up in Salem, Illinois, where he began his military career in
9 March of 1978; he served in Company C, 3rd Battalion, 130th
10 Infantry, stationed in Salem, Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, While serving with HHD, 232nd Supply and Service
12 Battalion, stationed in Springfield, Illinois, Sergeant Major
13 Hite was called to State active duty in Quincy, Illinois,
14 during the "great flood" of Illinois in 1993; and

15 WHEREAS, In May of 1997 to January of 1998, then SFC Hite
16 served as the NCOIC in charge of the soldiers and families of
17 the 139th PAD, who had been called to active duty in support
18 of Operation Joint Guard; the State family program called
19 Sergeant Major Hite on numerous occasions to coordinate
20 casualty honor guard teams; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Hite also managed the training of
22 the largest unit in the State, including the 144th Army Band
23 and the 139th Public Affairs Detachment, while serving in
24 State Area Command (STARC (-)) at Camp Lincoln in
25 Springfield; and

26 WHEREAS, During his twenty-plus year career in the
27 Illinois Army National Guard, Sergeant Major Hite also served
28 with the 3637th Maintenance Company, and DET 3 STARC in
29 Springfield; and

30 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Hite was awarded the following
31 accommodations for his outstanding service: the Meritorious

1 Service Medal, the Army Commendation Ribbon, the Army
2 Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army
3 Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the National Defense
4 Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed
5 Forces Reserve Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer
6 Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the
7 Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, the Illinois
8 Military Attendance Ribbon, the Illinois Long and Honorable
9 Service Medal, the Illinois State Active Duty Ribbon, and the
10 Expert Badge for M16 Rifle; and

11 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Sergeant Major Hite
12 lived in Tallula, Illinois, and served as the Operation's
13 Sergeant in State Area Command (STARC (-)) at Camp Lincoln in
14 Springfield, Illinois; he was an active guard reserve member
15 of the United States Army; he had previously obtained the
16 rank of Master Sergeant on April 1, 1998 and was posthumously
17 awarded the rank of Sergeant Major on January 16, 2001;
18 Sergeant Major Carl Laverle Hite was a model NCO and his
19 dedicated service was a great credit to himself, STARC (-),
20 the Illinois Army National Guard, and the United States Army;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Hite was a member of the National
23 Rifle Association, the National Guard Association of
24 Illinois, and the American Legion; and

25 WHEREAS, On the day of Sergeant Major Hite's accidental
26 and untimely death he was doing what he was known for,
27 helping out another person; Sergeant Major Hite was a loving
28 son, father, brother, and a loyal friend; he was a caring
29 man, often volunteering to help out a friend or the Guard
30 with any project; Sergeant Major Hite had a great sense of
31 humor, and was extremely proud of his family and country; and

32 WHEREAS, The passing of Sergeant Major Hite will be felt

1 by all who knew and loved him, especially his parents, Carl
2 and Elizabeth Hite; his children, Elizabeth Renee Hite and
3 Carl Eugene Laverle Hite; his sister, Victoria Meador; and
4 his many friends; Sergeant Major Hite will be missed by
5 everyone who knew him; he was laid to rest in his hometown of
6 Salem, Illinois, on January 17, 2001; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
10 Sergeant Major Hite; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Sergeant Major Carl Laverle Hite.