

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT
SCHUYULER B. PATCH AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PERMANENT MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, Schuyler Patch was born 17 February, 1984 in Kewanee, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patch graduated from Wethersfield High School in Kewanee, Illinois in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patch enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard on 4 March, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patch was mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on 27 February, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patch transferred to 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry on 8 November, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patch was mobilized once again in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on 29 September, 2009, being stationed in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler Brent Patch perished on the field of battle in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, 24 February, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler Patch was, at the time of his death, a resident of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois, wishes to honor the service and sacrifice of Sergeant Schuyler Patch by erecting a monument in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVA, ILLINOIS:

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Galva, that a permanent memorial honoring Sergeant Schuyler Patch be erected in Veteran's Park;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the memorial shall consist of a solid brass plaque consisting of a leatherette textured background in a dark oxide finish with the immortal words of Randall Wallace inscribed thereon, to wit:

To fallen soldiers let us sing
Where no rockets fly nor bullets wing

Our broken brothers let us bring
To the Mansions of the Lord
No more bleeding, no more fight
No prayers pleading through the night
Just divine embrace, eternal light
In the Mansions of the Lord
Where no mothers cry and no children weep
We will stand and guard though the angels sleep
Through the ages safely keep
The Mansions of the Lord

following which shall be inscribed the following words:

IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF
SCHUYLER PATCH
2ND SQUADRON, 106TH CAVALRY
ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD
PERISHED ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE,
24 FEBRUARY 2009

THE CITIZENS OF GALVA, ILLINOIS
ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR HIS SACRIFICE

That upon the border of this plaque, and surrounding the words inscribed thereon shall be etched an ivy continuous and unbroken in design to remind all who gaze thereon that we are forever dependent upon the strength and determination of citizen soldiers willing to stand between us and our enemies and further signifying the undying affection of the citizens of Galva for Sergeant Schuyler Patch and his family; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Administrator of the City of Galva shall effect the installation of the memorial in Veteran's Park on or before Memorial Day, 2009; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Streets will cause to be planted a memorial tree in honor of Schuyler Patch in Veteran's Park; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor of Galva and all Aldermen in favor and present upon the day of passage be required to sign four copies of this Resolution, to which the City Clerk shall affix the seal of the City; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk of the City of Galva shall retain one copy of this Resolution in the permanent files of the City; that the City Clerk of the City of Galva shall cause two copies of this Resolution to be delivered into the possession of the Patch family; that the City Clerk of the City of Galva shall cause one copy of this Resolution to be delivered to the Galva Historical Society; that the City Clerk of the City of Galva shall cause this Resolution to be published in The Galva News at the first opportunity following its passage.