

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded by designing and

manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag; and

WHEREAS, to date, The Silver Star Families of America has freely given out hundreds of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their

families; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this State and Country with

Silver Star Banners, Flags, and care packages; and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is to honor the blood sacrifice of our wounded with a Silver Star Banner that

can be used in a window or a Silver Star Flag for passersby to recognize the sacrifice by that Armed Service member; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois joins The Silver Star Families of America in their commitment to make sure that the sacrifice of so many in

our Armed Forces never be forgotten:

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2007 as SILVER STAR DAY in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join in the mission of The Silver Star Families of America and honor all of our wounded Armed Service members.

In Witness Wherevit, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield, this ELEVENTH day of JANUARY, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

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the one hundred and EIGHTY-NINTH

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