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**GOLD STAR MOTHERS CONDOLENCE BOOK
LETTER TO THE EDITOR
By Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn**

Dear Editor,

None of us will ever forget the morning of September 11, 2001, and the shock and sadness we felt as we watched the devastation caused by the terrorist attacks on our country.

Five years later, we remember and honor those who lost their lives on that day, and the many other patriotic men and women who have fallen since then in the Global War on Terror. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families who have lost their loved ones in our nation's fight to protect democracy from terrorism.

If you would like to pay your respects to Illinois' 138 fallen heroes and their families, I invite you to sign a book of condolence that will be available in the first-floor rotunda of the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago from Monday, September 11 through Friday, September 22. The condolence book, along with portraits of those who have lost their lives, will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

The condolence book, with its messages of sympathy and appreciation, will be formally presented on September 24 to a gathering of Illinois' Gold Star mothers, women whose sons and daughters have lost their lives in the Global War on Terror.

If you're unable to sign the condolence book personally, I invite you to take a moment to visit our website, www.operationhomefront.org, where the names and faces of Illinois' 138 fallen heroes are listed in the section marked "In Memoriam."

In the five years since the September 11 attacks, 138 Illinois men and women have given their lives to protect our freedom. Today, we can pay tribute to their memories by taking a moment to sign the condolence book and let their families know that their sons and daughters will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn
Lt. Governor

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