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**Pat Quinn**  
GOVERNOR

March 30, 2011

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Hillside Disabled Veterans Home Project for Sergio Lopez and his family.

This event is an opportunity to recognize Sergio Lopez, as well as veterans throughout the state, for their selfless service to our nation. Over our country's history, millions of men and women have made countless personal sacrifices to defend us, and I will always be grateful for the service and sacrifice of all veterans who defend our freedom. We are blessed to have people like Sergio Lopez who answer the call to serve, and we can never thank them enough.

Today's event is of course dedicated to Sergio Lopez and his family for the sacrifices they have made. I would also like to thank the many volunteers, contributors and others who have made this project possible. These volunteers have expressed what many of us feel, that those who put their lives on the line for our country deserve the utmost respect and admiration of all Americans.

I commend everyone present for your support of our veterans, and on behalf of all people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for a successful project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn  
Governor