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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General  
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals  
4 who have served our country and, in so doing, have gone above  
5 and beyond the call of duty in truly heroic acts; and

6 WHEREAS, Specialist Phillip Pannier was born on December 5,  
7 1987 in Peoria; his parents were Donald and Robyn Amigoni  
8 Pannier; and

9 WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier graduated in 2006 from  
10 Roanoke-Benson High School, where he was active in band, FFA,  
11 football, and soccer; and

12 WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier began his military career with  
13 basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia; he achieved his rank  
14 of private first class, serving his home post at Fort Campbell,  
15 Kentucky; and

16 WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier was killed in action on  
17 January 8, 2008, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; he  
18 was posthumously promoted to the rank of specialist; and

19 WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier was a member of St. Paul  
20 Lutheran Church in Benson; and

1           WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier enjoyed being outdoors on the  
2 farm; he was also active with the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club and  
3 was an avid deer hunter; and

4           WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier was preceded in death by his  
5 paternal and maternal grandparents, and his brother, Dale Opie  
6 Pannier; and

7           WHEREAS, SPC Phillip Pannier was survived by his parents;  
8 his brothers, Dan (Karin) Pannier and Benjamin Pannier; his  
9 sister-in-law, Tanya; his nieces and nephews, Kaitlyn, Karly,  
10 Kiefer, Jessica, Colton, and Dalana; and his fiancée, Jennifer  
11 Held; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Illinois  
15 Route 116 from Roanoke to Metamora as the SPC Phillip J.  
16 Pannier Memorial Highway; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
18 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
19 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
20 giving notice of the name of the SPC Phillip J. Pannier  
21 Memorial Highway; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
3 Transportation, the Village of Metamora, the Village of  
4 Roanoke, and the family of Specialist Phillip Pannier.