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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are honored to pay tribute to those who have given their lives to protect and serve the citizens of this great nation; and

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WHEREAS, Medevac Pilot Larry D. Mills, along with flight nurse Deborah Kroon, flight paramedic Michelle Tarwarter, and patient April Rodriguez, were killed on July 29, 2016 when their Cal-Ore Life Flight plane crashed east of McKinleyville, California; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Mills was born in Warner Robins, Georgia on March 17, 1962; his family moved to Marine in 1973, and he graduated from Triad High School in 1980; he was an EMT and a 12-year veteran of the Marine Volunteer Fire Department; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Mills was an exceptional pilot and instructor who flew gliders, helicopters, and dual aircraft and taught at Schafer Airport in St. Jacob; he had over 30 years of flying experience and had contracts with the United States Army and the Air Force to train pilots; and

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WHEREAS, The Larry Mills Aviation Memorial Scholarship has been established through the Highland Area Community Foundation to honor the life and career of a pilot who gave his

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1 life helping others; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 143  
5 as it travels from its intersection with Route 4 east through  
6 the City of Marine as the "Larry D. Mills Memorial Highway";  
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
9 is request to erect, at suitable locations consistent with  
10 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
11 giving notice of the name of the "Larry D. Mills Memorial  
12 Highway"; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Larry Mills, the Mayor of the City  
15 of Marine, and the Secretary of Transportation.