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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to individuals who gave their
4 lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Joshua Melton was born on October
6 8, 1982 in Breese; his parents were Michael Melton and Debbie
7 Brown; he married Larissa Melton on July 22, 2006 at St.
8 Boniface Church in Germantown; and

9 WHEREAS, SSG Joshua Melton served his country with pride
10 and distinction as a member of the Illinois Army National
11 Guard, joining a year before his graduation from Central
12 Community High School in Breese; he was on his second
13 deployment after serving in Iraq from December of 2004 to March
14 of 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, SSG Joshua Melton enjoyed spending time with his
16 family and friends, especially his daughter, Aubrey; he enjoyed
17 remote controlled cars and making everyone laugh; he was also
18 an avid hunter and fisherman; and

19 WHEREAS, SSG Joshua Melton was a member of Carlyle Veterans
20 of Foreign Wars Post 3523; and

1 WHEREAS, SSG Joshua Melton was preceded in death by his
2 grandparents, Clarice and Bill Reddick; his grandfather, Jenks
3 Edward Warren; his grandmother, Nadine Melton; his uncles,
4 Dennis Melton and Tim Hitpas; and his aunt, Doris Legate; and

5 WHEREAS, SSG Joshua Melton is survived by his wife, Larissa
6 Melton, who is now married to Jon Kampwerth and has a daughter,
7 Aniston; his daughter, Aubrey Melton; his mother, Debbie
8 (Warren) Brown; his brother, Dustin (Lauren) Melton and their
9 children, Hunter and Aliya; his father-in-law, Steve Verdeyen;
10 his mother-in-law, Carolyn (Rick) Pennington; his
11 sister-in-law, Andrea (Jacob) Richter; his grandfather, Elmer
12 Melton, and his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and

13 WHEREAS, SSG Joshua Melton served as a model of patriotism,
14 courage, and integrity for the people of the State of Illinois;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
18 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of
19 United States Route 50 between the Cities of Carlyle and Breese
20 as the SSG Joshua Melton Memorial Highway; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is
22 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State

1 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving
2 notice of the name; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of SSG Joshua Melton and the Secretary
5 of the Department of Transportation.