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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is appropriate for us to remember the many sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the outstanding men and women who served in the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Charles Irby was born on June 25, 1948 in Hillsboro; he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Irby and the brother of Rosemary Fletcher, Marvin L. Irby Jr., and Larry Gene Irby; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby was a lifelong resident of Hillsboro and graduated from Hillsboro High School; he began serving our nation in 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby was a member of the United States Army for a year, serving in Company B, 3rd Battalion of the 25th Division; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby gave his life defending America's freedom on January 15, 1968 after taking enemy small arms fire; and

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish to dedicate Illinois Route 16 along School Street from South

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1 Main Street to the corner of 22nd Street in Hillsboro, Illinois
2 as the Army SP4 Charles Irby Memorial Highway to honor the
3 sacrifice of Specialist Charles Irby and all Vietnam veterans;
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5 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
6 Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals
7 who have served our country and, in doing so, have gone above
8 and beyond the call of duty to take part in truly heroic tasks;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Illinois
13 Route 16 along School Street from South Main Street to the
14 corner of 22nd Street in Hillsboro as the Army SP4 Charles Irby
15 Memorial Highway; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
17 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
18 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
19 giving notice of the name of the Army SP4 Charles Irby Memorial
20 Highway; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Charles Irby, the Secretary of the

1 Illinois Department of Transportation, the Montgomery County
2 Veterans Assistance Commission, and the City of Hillsboro.