



HJ0014

LRB104 08233 MST 18283 r

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to those individuals who have
4 given their lives in service to their community; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois State Police Trooper Clay Carns died in
6 the line of duty on December 23, 2024; and

7 WHEREAS, Trooper Carns was removing debris from the
8 southbound highway north of Blodgett Road when a driver did
9 not stop and struck him; he was transported to St. Joseph
10 Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries an hour later;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Trooper Carns was part of Illinois State Police
13 Cadet Class 123 and joined the ISP on November 10, 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, Trooper Carns was assigned badge number 6512 and
15 served for 11 years; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
18 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate I-55 Mile Marker
19 243 to 244, Southbound and Northbound, as the "ISP Trooper
20 Clay M. Carns Memorial Highway"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
2 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
3 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
4 giving notice of the name "ISP Trooper Clay M. Carns Memorial
5 Highway"; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Trooper Carns and the Secretary of
8 the Illinois Department of Transportation.