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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois House of
3 Representatives pays honor and respect to those who have
4 served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate
5 sacrifice for our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Robert Dale Herreid served as a
7 Specialist 5 in the U.S. Army with Detachment A-402P, Company
8 D, 5th Special Forces Group and was an advisor operating with a
9 mobile strike force company; and

10 WHEREAS, On October 10, 1968, SSG Herreid's company was
11 ambushed by a large enemy force in the Co To Mountain area,
12 Chau Doc Province, South Vietnam; the company was forced to
13 fall back after suffering casualties, and the area was then
14 subjected to heavy artillery bombardment in subsequent
15 battles; and

16 WHEREAS, SSG Herreid was hit and killed during the ensuing
17 fire fight, and his unit could not evacuate his body as they
18 fell back; later searches of the battle area failed to locate
19 his remains; and

20 WHEREAS, Following the incident, the Army promoted SSG
21 Herreid to the rank of Staff Sergeant; he is memorialized on

1 the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of
2 the Pacific; his name is also inscribed along with all his
3 fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in
4 Washington, DC; and

5 WHEREAS, SSG Herreid was awarded the Purple Heart, the
6 National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal,
7 the Vietnam Service Medal, the Army Presidential Unit
8 Citation, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Army Good
9 Conduct Medal; and

10 WHEREAS, The Heroes Way Designation Program through the
11 Illinois Department of Transportation honors fallen Illinois
12 heroes who have been killed in action while performing active
13 military duty with the United States Armed Forces and has
14 designated Route 31 in Batavia from Main Street south to
15 Mooseheart Road as the SSG Robert D. Herreid Memorial Highway;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we commend the designation of the SSG Robert D. Herreid
20 Memorial Highway as part of the Heroes Way Designation Program
21 through the Illinois Department of Transportation; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of SSG Herreid.