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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Marshal Enoch T. Hopkins was born in Jefferson,
6 Maine on March 22, 1824; he began his long career as a law
7 enforcer shortly after coming to Morris, Illinois in the
8 summer of 1854; and

9 WHEREAS, Marshal Hopkins' honorable service was tragically
10 cut short when he was killed in the line of duty on September
11 14, 1878; and

12 WHEREAS, On the night of September 14, Frank Foster and
13 Charles Miller, notorious roughs, came to town, where the pair
14 shortly became intoxicated; and

15 WHEREAS, Marshal Hopkins advised the men several times
16 over the course of the evening to go home, as they had become
17 disorderly; the pair ignored the multiple warnings they
18 received and persisted with their drinking until late into the
19 evening; and

20 WHEREAS, Around midnight, Marshal Hopkins found it

1 necessary to arrest the two intoxicated men and caught them in
2 a downtown alleyway; as he was leading them out of the alley,
3 the men fled on foot; and

4 WHEREAS, Marshal Hopkins pursued the men when Charles
5 Miller suddenly drew his revolver and fired twice at the
6 officer, who was hit by one of the shots and died almost
7 instantly; and

8 WHEREAS, Marshal Hopkins, whose funeral was the largest
9 seen in Morris at the time, was an honored member of the
10 Masonic Order, a great, noble man, and a respected citizen of
11 the community; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the
15 portion of Illinois Route 47 over Interstate 80 from Romines
16 Drive to Illinois Route 6 East as the "Marshal Enoch T. Hopkins
17 Memorial Road"; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
19 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
20 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
21 giving notice of the name "Marshal Enoch T. Hopkins Memorial
22 Road"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Marshal Hopkins, the Morris Police
3 Department, the Mayor of the City of Morris, and the Secretary
4 of the Illinois Department of Transportation.