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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 truly great individuals who  
4 have served our country and, in doing so, have made the  
5 ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher B. Donaldson,  
7 the son of Bill and Lynne Laue Donaldson, was born in Effingham  
8 on May 17, 1977; and

9 WHEREAS, CW2 Donaldson graduated from Effingham High  
10 School in 1995; and

11 WHEREAS, CW2 Donaldson enlisted in the U.S. Army on  
12 September 12, 1997, becoming a pilot and rising to the rank of  
13 chief warrant officer 2; and

14 WHEREAS, CW2 Donaldson completed tours in Korea and  
15 Germany before serving with the 10th Mountain Division during  
16 Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in 2006; and

17 WHEREAS, CW2 Donaldson was killed in a helicopter crash  
18 while on a rescue mission in the Kunar Province of Afghanistan  
19 on May 5, 2006; and

1           WHEREAS, CW2 Donaldson was awarded the Bronze Star, the  
2 Air Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the  
3 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the  
4 NATO Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, the Army Good  
5 Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the  
6 Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon, the  
7 Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the Expert  
8 Marksmanship Qualification Badge for grenade, and the  
9 Sharpshooter Badge for rifle; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the  
13 Fourth Street Interstates 57 and 70 Overpass in Effingham as  
14 the "Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Donaldson Memorial  
15 Overpass"; 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 "Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher  
20 Donaldson Memorial Overpass"; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of CW2 Donaldson, the Mayor of  
23 Effingham, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of

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1 Transportation.