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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is important to remember and honor the service  
3 of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of the  
4 United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, It is long overdue that we recognize the  
6 sacrifices of those who served and died in the Vietnam War; and

7 WHEREAS, Glenard Jay Gregory was born in Bethalto to J.W.  
8 and Velda Lorene (Manahan) Gregory on February 27, 1949; and

9 WHEREAS, Glenard Jay Gregory moved with his family to  
10 Shipman when he was very young; he attended Shipman Grade  
11 School and then Southwestern Junior and Senior High School; and

12 WHEREAS, Glenard Jay Gregory enlisted in the United States  
13 Army on November 28, 1967, serving as a Field Artillery Basic  
14 with Battery A of the 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery, 23rd  
15 Artillery Group, II Field Force; and

16 WHEREAS, Sgt. Gregory started his tour of Vietnam on May 6,  
17 1968; he was injured on April 19, 1969 while assisting other  
18 members of his sector when an enemy rocket impacted next to his  
19 cannon; he passed away on April 20, 1969, tragically dying at  
20 the age of 20, just days before he was scheduled to return

1 home; and

2 WHEREAS, Sgt. Gregory was awarded the Vietnam Campaign  
3 Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Medal,  
4 the Purple Heart Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Expert  
5 Sharpshooter Medal, and the Bronze Star with "V" Decoration;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Sgt. Gregory is buried in the Shipman Cemetery in  
8 Macoupin County; and

9 WHEREAS, Sgt. Gregory is honored on Panel 26w, Line 15 of  
10 the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Route 16 in Shipman to the  
14 Southwestern Junction (Route 16 & Route 111) as the "Sgt.  
15 Glenard Jay Gregory Memorial Road"; 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 "Sgt. Glenard Jay Memorial Road"; and  
20 be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Sgt. Glenard Jay Gregory, the  
3 Village of Shipman, and the Secretary of Transportation.