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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Theodore Alexander
7 Katsoolias served in the U.S. Army as a member of 1st
8 Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 25, 1950, approximately 300,000
10 Chinese Communist Forces launched a counteroffensive against
11 U.N. forces after crossing the Yalu River; SFC Katsoolias'
12 unit was positioned near the Chongchon River and soon came
13 under intense attack; unable to halt the enemy advance and in
14 danger of being surrounded, his unit pulled back and was
15 forced to fight against enemy pursuit while also attempting to
16 break through well-defended roadblocks; the withdrawal was not
17 complete until early December and inflicted extremely heavy
18 casualties on his unit; and

19 WHEREAS, SFC Katsoolias went missing at some point during
20 the withdrawal to Kujang; he was never reported as a prisoner
21 of war, and his remains have not been recovered; and

1 WHEREAS, SFC Katsoolias is memorialized on the Courts of
2 the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Route 59 in West
7 Chicago from Route 38 to Route 64 as the "SFC Theodore A.
8 Katsoolias Memorial Highway"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
10 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
11 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
12 giving notice of the name "SFC Theodore A. Katsoolias Memorial
13 Highway"; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of SFC Katsoolias, West Chicago Mayor
16 Ruben Pineda, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
17 Transportation.