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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is fitting to honor those who have given their
3 lives in service to their community; and

4 WHEREAS, From a young age, Officer Brian Pierce Jr. looked
5 to serve his community, including with the Raymond/Harvel Fire
6 Explorer program, the ISP Junior Police Academy, the Christian
7 County Drug and Alcohol Task Force, and the Elkville Fire
8 Department; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from Elkville High School,
10 Officer Pierce became the trainer and treasurer of the
11 Elkville Fire Department as well as a correctional officer
12 with the Menard Correctional Facility; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2017, Officer Pierce moved to Makanda, where
14 he joined the Makanda Township Fire Department; while there,
15 he spent every Monday night training younger firefighters; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2019, Officer Pierce assisted the mayor of
17 Spillertown in constructing a police department that had not
18 existed for ten years, which included assisting in applying
19 for funding and grants and helping with day to day operations;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Pierce became a police officer in
2 Brooklyn and was killed in the line of duty on August 4, 2021
3 while deploying stop sticks to halt a vehicle fleeing police;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Officer Pierce was
6 survived by his parents, a sister, and a niece and nephew;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the
11 section of Illinois Route 37 from Longstreet Road to
12 Prosperity Road as it passes Spillertown as the "Officer Brian
13 Pierce Jr. Memorial Highway"; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
15 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
16 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
17 giving notice of the name "Officer Brian Pierce Jr. Memorial
18 Highway"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Officer Pierce and the Secretary of
21 Transportation.