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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

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WHEREAS, Army Specialist Joseph Whiting Dimock, II was born on May 25, 1989 in Libertyville to Joseph W. and Ellen L. Dimock; he was a member of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church, where he faithfully attended Sunday School, worshipped, and was devoted to the annual summer high school mission trips; he loved the outdoors and was an active member of Cub Scout Pack, the Venture Crew, and Boy Scout Troop 672, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; for his Eagle Scout project he collected nearly 200 worn, American flags so they could be honorably retired in a special ceremony; and

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WHEREAS, SPC Joseph W. Dimock, II graduated from Warren Township High School, where he was a member of the Warren Blue Devils swim team and swim club; in 2006, he and his teammates set the junior varsity swim record in the 400-yard freestyle relay, and the record still stands today; he had a special knack with children and taught swimming for many years through the Wildwood Park District; and

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1           WHEREAS, SPC Joseph W. Dimock, II enlisted in the United  
2 States Army during the spring of his senior year and began his  
3 service that following August; for nearly 3 years he served  
4 with the 1st Battalion, 75 Ranger Regiment; he was in his third  
5 overseas deployment, his second in Afghanistan, supporting  
6 Operation Enduring Freedom; and

7           WHEREAS, During his service, SPC Joseph W. Dimock, II  
8 received the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the  
9 Parachutist Badge; he was also awarded the National Defense  
10 Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq  
11 Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and  
12 the Army Service Ribbon; he was posthumously awarded the Bronze  
13 Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal; and

14           WHEREAS, SPC Joseph W. Dimock, II is survived by his  
15 parents, Joseph and Ellen; his brothers, Louis and Michael; his  
16 paternal grandmother, Elna Jensen Dimock; his maternal  
17 grandfather, Alan R. McCausland; and numerous aunts, uncles,  
18 cousins, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

19           WHEREAS, SPC Joseph W. Dimock, II was a son, a brother, an  
20 Eagle Scout, and a United States Army Ranger; this fallen  
21 soldier deserves to be remembered by the State of Illinois for  
22 his service to this country; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of road on  
4 Route 120/Belvidere Road between John Mogg and Sears Boulevard  
5 in Grayslake as "Army SPC Joseph W. Dimock II Joey Memorial  
6 Highway"; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
8 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
9 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
10 giving notice of the name "Army SPC Joseph W. Dimock II Joey  
11 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
14 Transportation, and the family of SPC Joseph W. Dimock, II.