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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 individuals who gave their
4 lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Sgt. Myron G. Deckard was shot and killed in the
6 line of duty on June 6, 2001 along Interstate 72 East while
7 transporting a prisoner from Macon County to Vermilion County;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Sgt. Deckard had served with the Vermilion County
10 Sheriff's Department for 32 years and had been a warrant
11 officer for 15 years; and

12 WHEREAS, The Sgt. Deckard Memorial Scholarship Fund was
13 established by Sgt. Deckard's family in his memory; the
14 scholarship benefits students of the Danville Area Community
15 College who are the dependents of a law enforcement officer or
16 of a member of the Danville Rifle and Pistol Club; each year,
17 the Danville Rifle and Pistol Club hosts a pistol shoot and
18 raffle to raise funds for the scholarship, and, over the
19 event's 8-year history, it has contributed over \$61,000 to the
20 scholarship fund; and

21 WHEREAS, Sgt. Deckard is survived by his wife, Jean, and

1 his son, Tony; he was a 32nd degree Mason and past president of
2 the Uncle Joe Cannon Toastmasters Club; he was an active member
3 of the Danville Rifle and Pistol Club and was a regular at the
4 YMCA health club; he also visited schools giving young children
5 presentations on law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Sgt. Deckard's dedication and devotion are the
7 standard by which Illinois law enforcement is measured;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the rest areas on
12 Interstate 72 East and 72 West at Milepost 152, between Decatur
13 and Champaign, as the "Sgt. Myron G. Deckard Memorial Rest
14 Area"; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is
16 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State
17 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving
18 notice of the name; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Sgt. Deckard and the Secretary of
21 the Department of Transportation.