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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are pleased to honor those who have given their lives to protect the people of this State; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Elizabeth Mazella Edwards, the youngest daughter of Wayne and Nancie "Susie" Edwards, was born on June 2, 1979; she attended Hardin County schools, where she had many, many friends; she was active in softball, band, and cross-country; and

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WHEREAS, In May of 1997, Deputy Sheriff Edwards was baptized at the Hardin County Church of Christ; she graduated from Hardin County High School and spent a year at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee, and attended Southeastern Illinois College; and

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WHEREAS, After the events of September 11, 2001, Deputy Sheriff Edwards joined the United States Army Reserves and proudly served her country; she went on to serve in another capacity, becoming a Deputy for the Hardin County Sheriffs Department in the fall of 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Edwards was killed in the line of duty while responding to a traffic accident on February 12,

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1 2006; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of
5 Illinois Route 146 from the Pope County line to the city limits
6 of Elizabethtown as the Deputy Elizabeth Edwards Memorial
7 Highway; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
9 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
10 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
11 giving notice of the name of the Deputy Elizabeth Edwards
12 Memorial Highway; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Deputy Elizabeth Edwards and the
15 Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.