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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 served our country and in doing so have gone above and beyond the call of duty to take part in truly heroic tasks; and

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WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Alec Catherwood was born May 6, 1991 in Heilbronn, Germany; his parents were Kirk and Gretchen Catherwood; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Alec Catherwood was a 2009 graduate of Byron High School and a member of the Future Farmers of America as a sentry; he was also a Boy Scout and had a black belt in Tae Kwon Do; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Alec Catherwood enjoyed athletics, four-wheeling, mudding in his truck, shooting his shotgun, and spending time with his family, his fiancée, and his friends; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Alec Catherwood was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division of the I Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, California; he passed away on October 14, 2010 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

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1           WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Alec Catherwood earned many personal  
2 service awards, including the Purple Heart, Combat Action  
3 Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism  
4 Service Medal, and Korean Defense Service Medal; and

5           WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Alec Catherwood is survived by his  
6 parents; his sister, Mikaela (Lance Cpl. Matthew, USMC)  
7 Montgomery; his fiancée, Hailey Patrick; his maternal  
8 grandparents, Donald and Mary Ernst; and many aunts, uncles,  
9 and cousins; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Illinois  
13 Route 72 from the south side of the bridge in Byron to the  
14 Ogle/DeKalb County line as Lance Cpl. Alec E. Catherwood  
15 Memorial Road in honor of Lance Corporal Alec Catherwood and  
16 his service to our nation; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
18 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
19 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
20 giving notice of the name of Lance Cpl. Alec E. Catherwood  
21 Memorial Road; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
3 Transportation and the family of Lance Cpl. Alec Catherwood.