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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 those individuals who have
4 given their lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Wilford Ray "Wil" Lewis was born in Kankakee to
6 Charles and Lenora Kibler Lewis on November 19, 1947; he served
7 in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1967, attaining the
8 rank of sergeant E-4; he married Laurie Dugan in Aroma Park on
9 May 21, 1971; and

10 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lewis worked at Bradley Roper before joining
11 the Bradley Police Department in July of 1975; he was promoted
12 to the rank of sergeant and shift supervisor on January 13,
13 1991; and

14 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lewis was a member of the Loyal Order of the
15 Moose and the Bourbonnais Bass Anglers Club; he enjoyed bowling
16 and golfing; and

17 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lewis gave his life in the line of duty on
18 November 20, 1997 after serving 22 years with the Bradley
19 Police Department; and

20 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lewis was preceded in death by his father in

1 July of 1989 and his mother on October 30, 1996; and

2 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Sgt. Lewis was
3 survived by his wife, Laurie Dugan; his son, Preston Lewis; his
4 daughters, Gina Arnold and Kelly Lewis; his grandchildren,
5 Lindsay, Kyle, and Amanda; his brother and sister-in-law,
6 Kenneth and Becky Lewis; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins,
7 nieces, and nephews; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
10 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Armor Road Overpass in
11 the City of Bradley as the "Sgt. Wilford Ray "Wil" Lewis
12 Memorial Overpass"; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
14 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
15 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
16 giving notice of the name of the "Sgt. Wilford Ray "Wil" Lewis
17 Memorial Overpass"; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 presented to the Secretary of Transportation, the Mayor of the
20 City of Bradley, Chief Michael T. Johnston of the Bradley
21 Police Department, and the family of Sgt. Lewis.