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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 the truly great individuals  
4 who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the  
5 ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Specialist 4 Michael Harold Flood was born in  
7 Effingham on October 1, 1948, the first child of Harold Joseph  
8 and Anna Charlene (Crose) Flood; he, along with his siblings,  
9 Patricia Marie (Turner), Daniel Joseph, Kathleen Ann  
10 (Darling), Marlene Ann (Van Matre), Kevin Eugene, and Larry  
11 Eugene, lived on the family farm in rural Toledo; and

12 WHEREAS, SPC Flood started working with his father at a  
13 young age, caring for cattle and pigs and working on farm  
14 equipment; he started assisting with harvesting the crops as  
15 soon as his feet could touch the pedals on the equipment; his  
16 favorite class in high school was building and trades, which he  
17 took all four years; his class built a new house every school  
18 year on Route 121 near the high school; he loved building so  
19 much that he decided after graduation he wanted to work full  
20 time at the builder's supply store in Toledo; and

21 WHEREAS, SPC Flood joined the United States Army on April  
22 3, 1968; he was a combat medic assigned to Company B, 1st

1 Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne; he was killed in  
2 action on Good Friday, April 4, 1969 while on routine patrol  
3 outside a firebase above the Ashau Valley; he died while  
4 providing medical aid to others who were wounded in action; for  
5 his extraordinary bravery under fire, he was posthumously  
6 awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star; and

7 WHEREAS, SPC Flood loved cars and the races; he aspired to  
8 be a race car driver and perhaps one day race in Nascar when he  
9 returned from Vietnam and completed his service; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout high school, SPC Flood was active in  
11 the Future Farmers of America and for 25 years his parents  
12 provided a monetary award and trophy in his memory to an  
13 outstanding FFA senior; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE  
16 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the segment of Illinois  
17 Route 121 in Cumberland County between CR 1450 East and CR 1600  
18 East as the "SPC Michael Flood Memorial Highway"; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
21 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
22 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs

1 giving notice of the name the "SPC Michael Flood Memorial  
2 Highway"; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of SPC Flood and the Secretary of  
5 Transportation.