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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting and appropriate that we honor  
3 those who made a difference through sacrifice and service to  
4 the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
6 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of McHenry  
7 County Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Keltner, who was killed in the  
8 line of duty on March 7, 2019 at the age of 35; and

9 WHEREAS, House Resolution 186 of the 101st General Assembly  
10 expressed its respect for the sacrifice made by Deputy Keltner  
11 in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, There was an unprecedented public outpouring of  
13 support for Deputy Keltner and his family, as witnessed by the  
14 hundreds of people who paid their respects at every turn, both  
15 during formal services and by standing along the procession  
16 routes on his final trip home from Rockford to McHenry County  
17 and as he was driven to his final rest; and

18 WHEREAS, It is fitting to remember Deputy Keltner, not only  
19 for the dedication to duty that took him from his family but  
20 for what his passing did to bring a community together in both  
21 its grief and its gratitude for his sacrifice as he gave his

1 last full measure of devotion; and

2 WHEREAS, Deputy Keltner's "End of Watch" was not the act  
3 which took him from us but was the posthumous act that brought  
4 a grateful community together in its outpouring of respect for  
5 a man who gave his life in the line of duty serving the people  
6 of McHenry County and the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
9 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the interchange at  
10 Interstate 90 and Illinois Route 23 as the "Deputy Jacob  
11 Keltner Memorial Interchange"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is  
13 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State  
14 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving  
15 notice of the name of the "Deputy Jacob Keltner Memorial  
16 Interchange"; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Deputy Keltner, the Illinois State  
19 Toll Highway Authority, McHenry County, the City of Marengo,  
20 and the McHenry County Sheriff's Department.