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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 individuals who have given their lives in service to their communities; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois State Police Trooper Nicholas "Nick" J. Hopkins #6141 of Waterloo took pride in serving his community and in his roles as friend, brother, husband, and father; and

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WHEREAS, Trooper Hopkins was a 10-year veteran of the Illinois State Police and a member of the State Police's SWAT Team; he began his career on June 1, 2009 as a cadet at the Illinois State Police Academy; after graduating, he was assigned to District 12 (Effingham); on August 1, 2013, he joined ISP Zone 7 Investigations General Criminal Unit, and, in November of 2013, he was assigned to District 11 patrol in Collinsville; in February of 2016, he transferred to Zone 6's Metro East Police Assistance Team (MEPAT); in September of 2017, he was assigned to ISP SWAT; on March 16, 2018, he became a senior agent with the ISP; and

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WHEREAS, On August 23, 2019, Trooper Hopkins was shot and killed in an exchange of gunfire with a suspect as the ISP SWAT team executed a search warrant in East St. Louis; and

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1 WHEREAS, Trooper Hopkins is survived by his wife, Whitney
2 Hopkins; his children, Evelyn, Owen, and Emma; his parents,
3 James and Verna Hopkins; his siblings, Valerie (Justin) Dortch,
4 Zack (Kathy) Hopkins, Emily (Mike) Auffenberg, Gabe (Katie)
5 Hopkins, and Abby Hopkins; his grandmother, Evelyn Hopkins; his
6 sister-in-law, Erin Harris; his father-in-law and
7 mother-in-law, James and Laural (Dearnbarger) Harris; and
8 numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 3 from GG
13 Road to Kaskaskia Road as the "Trooper Nick Hopkins Memorial
14 Highway"; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
16 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
17 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
18 giving notice of the name "Trooper Nick Hopkins Memorial
19 Highway"; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Trooper Hopkins, the Mayor of
22 Waterloo, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
23 Transportation.