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

6 WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Robert J.
7 Miller of Oviedo, Florida, formerly of Wheaton, was killed in
8 action near Barikowt, Afghanistan on January 25, 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, SSG Miller was a Special Forces weapons sergeant
10 assigned to Company A, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group
11 (Airborne); and

12 WHEREAS, SSG Miller was born on October 14, 1983 in
13 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; he was a 2002 graduate of Wheaton
14 North High School; he volunteered for military service and
15 enlisted in the U.S. Army on August 14, 2003 as a Special
16 Forces candidate, graduating from the Special Forces
17 Qualification Course in 2005 and earning the coveted Green
18 Beret; and

19 WHEREAS, SSG Miller was deployed with 3rd SFG (A) in
20 support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006; during his
21 deployment, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with

1 Valor for his courage in the face of the enemy; he was also
2 promoted to the rank of staff sergeant while deployed; his
3 other awards and decorations include the Army Good Conduct
4 Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on
5 Terrorism Service Medal, two Noncommissioned Officer
6 Professional Development Ribbons, the NATO Medal, the
7 Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Special Forces Tab;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, SSG Miller will be honored by St. Michael Church
10 and School in Wheaton with the naming of a plaza in his honor;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, SSG Miller was inducted as a Laureate of The
13 Lincoln Academy of Illinois and awarded the Order of Lincoln,
14 the State's highest honor, by the Governor in 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, SSG Miller's extraordinary valor ultimately saved
16 the lives of seven members of his own team and 15 Afghanistan
17 National Army soldiers; and

18 WHEREAS, SSG Miller was awarded the Congressional Medal of
19 Honor for his heroism and selflessness above and beyond the
20 call of duty, and at the cost of his own life; these actions
21 are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service
22 and reflect great credit upon himself; and

1 WHEREAS, SSG Miller is survived by his parents, Philip and
2 Maureen Miller; his brothers, Thomas, Martin, and Edward; and
3 his sisters, Joanna, Mary, Therese, and Patricia; therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
7 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
8 Illinois Route 38 in Wheaton between County Farm Road and
9 Winfield Road as the "U.S. Army SSG Robert J. Miller Memorial
10 Highway"; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
12 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
13 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
14 giving notice of the name "U.S. Army SSG Robert J. Miller
15 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of SSG Miller and the Secretary of the
18 Illinois Department of Transportation.