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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish  
3 to pay honor to those who dedicate their lives to the  
4 protection of the people of this State; and

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WHEREAS, James Sauter served with pride as an Illinois  
6 State Trooper since July 29, 2008; he had just completed a  
7 temporary assignment in the State Police Air Operations and was  
8 recently assigned to District 15, which covers the tollways; as  
9 a cadet, he was awarded the Lifesaving Medal in October of 2008  
10 for his actions in saving the life of a woman in a motorcycle  
11 accident; and

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WHEREAS, On March 28, 2013, Trooper James Sauter was on  
13 duty in his Illinois State Police squad car when his vehicle  
14 was struck by a truck tractor semi-trailer on Interstate 294  
15 southbound at Willow Road; and

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WHEREAS, Trooper James Sauter's great bravery and sense of  
17 duty is worthy of the highest respect; it would be fitting for  
18 the members of the General Assembly to honor his life and his  
19 great sacrifice by naming the Willow Road overpass on  
20 Interstate 294 after him; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
2 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Willow Road  
3 overpass on Interstate 294 as the Trooper James Sauter Memorial  
4 Overpass; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is  
6 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State  
7 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving  
8 notice of the name of the Trooper James Sauter Memorial  
9 Overpass; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 delivered to the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Toll  
12 Highway Authority and the family of James Sauter.