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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 State and, in doing so, have
5 made the ultimate sacrifice; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Arthur L. Weston of the Rockton Police
7 Department responded to a burglary-in-progress call on October
8 27, 1977, locating the suspect in an upstairs bedroom; after
9 an intense struggle, he was able to place the suspect into
10 custody; as he was transporting the suspect to jail, he began
11 to experience chest pains and called for backup; he was taken
12 to a local hospital, where he died approximately one hour
13 later; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief Weston was born to Leo and Dorothy Weston
15 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 1, 1925; he graduated from
16 West High School in 1943; he served in the U.S. Army during
17 World War II; he married Marion J. Peck on August 21, 1947; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Weston started his career in law
19 enforcement as a patrolman for the Loves Park Police
20 Department; he was the former police chief and organizer of
21 the Rock Valley College Security Force; he also served as
22 police chief in Byron and Roscoe as well as deputy coroner for

1 Winnebago County and deputy of the Winnebago County Sheriff's
2 Department; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Weston was a proud member of the Illinois
4 Police Association, the Rockton Rotary Club, and the Rockton
5 American Legion; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Weston was a loving husband and father to
7 his wife and his five children; and

8 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Chief Weston was
9 survived by his wife, Marion Weston, and his children, Cindy
10 Gau, Vickey Roberts, Debbie Pasch, Wanda Vertterlli, and
11 William Weston; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Weston gave his life in the line of duty,
13 and his service to and sacrifice for the people of Illinois
14 should never be forgotten; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
17 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
18 Illinois Route 2 in Rockton as the "Chief Arthur L. Weston
19 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation

1 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
2 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
3 giving notice of the name "Chief Arthur L. Weston Memorial
4 Highway"; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Chief Weston and the Secretary of
7 the Illinois Department of Transportation.