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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General 3 Assembly pays honor and respect to those individuals who have 4 given their lives in service to their community; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois State Trooper Corey Steven Thompsen of 6 rural St. Joseph was killed in the line of duty on October 18, 7 2024; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen began his career in law enforcement after graduating from the Southwestern Police Academy as part of Session 137, and he initially worked with the Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (VMEG); he then attended the Illinois State Police Academy as a member of Cadet Class 130 from 2019 to 2020; he was assigned to Illinois State Police District 10 in Pesotum; he joined the Illinois State Police Motorcycle Enforcement Bureau in 2022; he was assigned to Central Special Operations Group (SOG) Fatal 4 Team in 2023, serving Troop 7; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was proud of serving with the Illinois State Police; he was especially proud of being part of the motor unit, viewing his colleagues as a second family and a tight-knit group of friends; during his service, he participated in several escort details across the State that

included the president, the vice president, memorial services,

- 2 and charity bike rides; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was a member of the Fraternal
- 4 Order of Police (FOP) Troopers Lodge 41, the Alpha Phi Sigma
- 5 national criminal justice society, and the Phi Theta Kappa
- 6 honor society; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was a family man who was always
- 8 there when anyone needed him, a respected member of the
- 9 Illinois State Police, and a friend to many; therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 11 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
- 12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Interstate 74 Mile
- 13 191 as the "Trooper Corey S. Thompsen Memorial Highway"; and
- 14 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 Corey S. Thompsen Memorial
- 19 Highway"; and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 21 presented to the family of Trooper Thompsen, the Mayor of St.

Joseph, and the Secretary of Transportation. 1