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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, Staff Sergeant Robert Dale Herreid served as a
7 Specialist 5 in the U.S. Army with Detachment A-402P, Company
8 D, 5th Special Forces Group and was an advisor operating with a
9 mobile strike force company; and

10 WHEREAS, On October 10, 1968, SSG Herreid's company was
11 ambushed by a large enemy force in the Co To Mountain area,
12 Chau Doc Province, South Vietnam; the company was forced to
13 fall back after suffering casualties and was then subjected to
14 heavy artillery bombardment; and

15 WHEREAS, SSG Herreid was hit and killed during the ensuing
16 fire fight, and his unit could not evacuate his body as they
17 fell back; later searches of the battle area failed to locate
18 his remains; and

19 WHEREAS, Following the incident, the Army promoted SSG
20 Herreid to the rank of Staff Sergeant; he is memorialized on
21 the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of

1 the Pacific; his name is also inscribed along with all his
2 fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in
3 Washington, DC; and

4 WHEREAS, SSG Herreid was awarded the Purple Heart, the
5 National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal,
6 the Vietnam Service Medal, the Army Presidential Unit
7 Citation, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Army Good
8 Conduct Medal; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Route 31 in
12 Batavia from Main Street south to Mooseheart Road as the "SSG
13 Robert D. Herreid Memorial Highway"; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
15 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
16 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
17 giving notice of the name "SSG Robert D. Herreid Memorial
18 Highway"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of SSG Herreid, Batavia Mayor Jeff
21 Schielke, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
22 Transportation.