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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly recognizes the sacrifice of U.S. Army Specialist
4 Anthony William "Tony" Gilman and his love for his country;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, SPC Gilman, son of Fred and Mary Gilman, was born
7 in Jerseyville on January 22, 1976; and

8 WHEREAS, SPC Gilman grew up in Calhoun County and
9 graduated from Calhoun High School in 1994; and

10 WHEREAS, SPC Gilman enjoyed hunting and fishing throughout
11 Calhoun County and Pike County; and

12 WHEREAS, SPC Gilman decided to enlist in the U.S. Army in
13 1997, eventually rising to the rank of specialist; and

14 WHEREAS, SPC Gilman lost his life on July 4, 1999 during a
15 peacekeeping mission in Kosovo, becoming the first American
16 casualty during the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo; and

17 WHEREAS, The County of Calhoun is honoring the life and
18 sacrifice of SPC Gilman on Memorial Day 2025; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois
4 Route 96 from the City of Mozier to the Pike County line as the
5 "Army Specialist Anthony William Gilman Highway"; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
8 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
9 state and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
10 giving notice of the name "Army Specialist Anthony William
11 Gilman Highway; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of SPC Gilman, the Calhoun County
14 Board, and the Secretary of Transportation.