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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 2)

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

6 WHEREAS, Special Agent Virgil Lee Bensyl was shot and  
7 killed on January 15, 1988 while he and four other agents  
8 attempted to arrest a corrections officer for conspiracy to  
9 commit murder; and

10 WHEREAS, Special Agent Bensyl served with the U.S. Marines  
11 during the Vietnam War; he joined the Illinois State Police on  
12 July 14, 1969 and served in District 10 (Pesotum) until 1984  
13 when he graduated from New Agents Class #4; he was then  
14 assigned to Zone 10; and

15 WHEREAS, On April 29, 1988, District 10 Headquarters was  
16 re-dedicated in honor of Special Agent Bensyl; and

17 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Agent Bensyl was  
18 survived by his wife and son; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate U.S. Route 51 in Oconee in  
2 southwest Shelby County as the "ISP Special Agent Virgil Lee  
3 Bensyl Memorial Highway"; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
5 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
6 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
7 giving notice of the name of "ISP Special Agent Virgil Lee  
8 Bensyl Memorial Highway"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Special Agent Bensyl and the  
11 Secretary of Transportation.