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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Private First Class Andrew N. Meari was assigned  
3 to service in Afghanistan as a member of 1st Battalion, 502nd  
4 Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne  
5 Division (Air Assault); and

6 WHEREAS, While guarding an entrance point to Combat  
7 Outpost Senjaray on November 1, 2010, PFC Meari and a comrade  
8 intercepted a motorcycle-riding, explosive-armed suicide  
9 bomber who was trying to get into the American combat camp; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon being intercepted, the suicide bomber  
11 detonated himself, killing himself and two Americans,  
12 including PFC Meari; and

13 WHEREAS, PFC Meari was killed in action in Afghanistan on  
14 November 1, 2010 under circumstances that saved multiple lives  
15 in the combat outpost that was under attack; and

16 WHEREAS, The memory of PFC Meari and his heroic service is  
17 commemorated by his neighbors with PFC Andrew Meari Memorial  
18 Park, located in his home town of Plainfield; therefore, be it

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

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of  
2 Illinois Route 59 from Caton Farm Road to Illinois Route 126 as  
3 the "PFC Andrew Meari 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, an appropriate plaque or signs  
7 giving notice of the name "PFC Andrew Meari Memorial Highway";  
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to Denise Williams of Plainfield, the mother of  
11 Private First Class Andrew N. Meari, and the Secretary of the  
12 Illinois Department of Transportation.