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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 the truly great individuals
4 who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the
5 ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Daniel Lee Kick was born on January 26, 1948 and
7 grew up in Riverton; he attended Riverton Grade School and
8 graduated from Riverton High School in 1966; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating high school, Daniel Lee Kick
10 enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to
11 South Vietnam on September 25, 1967; and

12 WHEREAS, PFC Kick served with the 1st Marine Division, 1st
13 Battalion, 5th Marines, H&S Company; and

14 WHEREAS, From February 13 through February 23, 1968, the
15 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were engaged with heavily-armed and
16 well-entrenched North Vietnamese Army forces as part of the
17 Tet Offensive in the city of Hue, South Vietnam; and

18 WHEREAS, For six consecutive days during the fighting, PFC
19 Kick continuously risked his life by performing medevac and
20 resupply missions for his embattled unit in the face of small

1 arms fire, automatic weapons, and rocket fire; his actions
2 were undoubtedly directly influential in saving the lives of
3 many of his fellow Marines; and

4 WHEREAS, While on a medevac run on the evening of February
5 16, 1968, PFC Kick's vehicle was ambushed by the enemy, and he
6 was mortally wounded; and

7 WHEREAS, PFC Kick was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze
8 Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign
9 Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal; he was also awarded the
10 Vietnamese Military Merit Medal and the Vietnamese Gallantry
11 Cross with Palm from the South Vietnam Government; his name
12 can be found on Panel 40E Line 7 of the Vietnam Veterans
13 Memorial in Washington, D.C.; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the IL Route 54 bridge crossing
17 the Sangamon River near Riverton shall be designated as the
18 "PFC Daniel Lee Kick Memorial Bridge"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
20 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
21 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
22 giving notice of the name "PFC Daniel Lee Kick Memorial

1 Bridge"; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of PFC Kick, the Mayor of Riverton, and
4 the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.