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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

2 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to remember the many sacrifices  
3 and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the  
4 outstanding men and women who served in the United States  
5 Armed Forces; and

6 WHEREAS, Corporal Nathan E. Carlson was born in Rockford;  
7 he graduated from Harlem High School in 2019, where he was  
8 captain of the swim team; upon graduation, he enlisted in the  
9 U.S. Marine Corps and attended boot camp at Marine Corps  
10 Recruit Depot San Diego; he graduated from boot camp in August  
11 2019 and officially earned the title of Marine; and

12 WHEREAS, CPL Carlson then reported to the School of  
13 Infantry in Camp Pendleton, California, where he attended  
14 Marine Combat Training (MCT); and

15 WHEREAS, Upon completing MCT, CPL Carlson attended Naval  
16 Aircrew candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, where he  
17 received water survival training; in January 2020, he reported  
18 to the Center of Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) at  
19 Marine Corps Air Station New River, where he learned the basic  
20 technical skills of a MV-22B mechanic; upon graduating CNATT,  
21 he attended Marine Air Group 26 (MAG-26) for initial crew  
22 chief training on the MV-22B at Marine Medium Tiltrotor

1 Training Squadron 204; on September 11, 2020, he was winged  
2 and officially became a Naval Aircrewman; and

3 WHEREAS, In September 2020, CPL Carlson then reported to  
4 MAG-39, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 364 (VMM-364), where,  
5 in the course of his duties, he was promoted to the rank of  
6 corporal and served as a leader in the Flight Line Division as  
7 a Basic Instructor Crew Chief and Plane Captain; and

8 WHEREAS, In October 2020, CPL Carlson participated in  
9 Service Level Training Exercise 21-1; in April 2021, he was  
10 deployed with the squadron to Special Purpose Marine Air  
11 Ground Task Force - Crisis Response - Central Command based  
12 out of Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait and Prince Sultan Air Base,  
13 Saudi Arabia; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon returning from deployment, CPL Carlson  
15 married the love of his life, Emily Baxter; subsequently, he  
16 trained to become a Low Altitude Tactics instructor, Night  
17 Systems instructor, Tail Gunnery Instructor, and Collateral  
18 Duty Inspector; he amassed over 500 total flight hours and  
19 over 70 combat hours while at VMM-364; and

20 WHEREAS, CPL Carlson was killed in the line of duty during  
21 a military training exercise on June 8, 2022; and

1           WHEREAS, CPL Carlson is survived by his wife, Emily  
2 Baxter-Carlson; his parents, Karrie and Eric Carlson; his  
3 sisters, Casey and Mylee Carlson; and many close family and  
4 friends; and

5           WHEREAS, CPL Carlson will forever be remembered as a  
6 loving husband, son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, and  
7 friend; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
10 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of  
11 Illinois Route 173 from its intersection with Illinois Route  
12 251 to Interstate 90 as the "CPL Nathan E. Carlson Memorial  
13 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 of "CPL Nathan E. Carlson Memorial  
18 Highway"; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of CPL Carlson, the Secretary of  
21 Transportation, the Principal of Harlem High School, the  
22 Village President of Machesney Park, and the Mayor of Loves

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