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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 State and, in doing so, have
5 made the ultimate sacrifice; and

6 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Donald "Nick" Weist was
7 born to Kevin Weist and Robin Monson in Platteville, Wisconsin
8 on July 28, 1987; and

9 WHEREAS, Deputy Weist married the love of his life,
10 Jessica Weist, on January 11, 2012; he was a devoted husband
11 and father to Jessica and his two children, Ava, age 12, and
12 Emery, age 9; and

13 WHEREAS, Deputy Weist wanted to be a police officer since
14 he was very little; he graduated from Western Illinois
15 University in 2009 with a degree in law enforcement and
16 justice administration; following an internship with the Rock
17 Island Police Department, he worked as a security guard for
18 Trinity Hospital in the Quad Cities; in 2012, he was hired by
19 the Mercer County Sheriff's Department as a 911 dispatcher and
20 then as a correctional officer; and

21 WHEREAS, On June 26, 2015, Deputy Weist was sworn into the

1 Aledo Police Department, and after graduating from the
2 Illinois Police Training Institute in September 2015, he began
3 his career on the road; he was also a volunteer for the Viola
4 Fire Department; in 2018, he began working as a sheriff's
5 deputy for Knox County, where he was working at the time of his
6 death; and

7 WHEREAS, Deputy Weist's first priority was his family; he
8 loved anything outdoors, and he especially enjoyed mountain
9 biking and fishing with his children; he also enjoyed deer
10 hunting, cooking, and playing video games; as a son, he cared
11 deeply for his "Mama Bear" and his father, Kevin, whom he
12 called "Papoo"; he was passionate about everything he did;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Deputy Weist organized the explorer's program at
15 Aledo High School for kids interested in law enforcement and
16 was the head of college recruiting for the Knox County
17 Sheriff's Department; he was the union president and a Taser
18 instructor and served as a leader in a number of different
19 organizations within the sheriff's department; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Deputy Weist raised funds
21 for and participated in the Shop with a Cop program; his
22 dedication to the sheriff's department was unrelenting; he was
23 respectful to all people, selfless, and always took care of

1 others before himself; he continuously searched for ways to
2 improve the department; he was a good husband and father and an
3 amazing officer; he never highlighted a problem without
4 offering a solution; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Weist gave his life in the line of duty
6 while in pursuit of an armed subject; and

7 WHEREAS, Deputy Weist was preceded in death by his
8 maternal grandmother, Peggy Mueller, and his paternal
9 grandmother, Mary Lou Weist; and

10 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Deputy Weist was
11 survived by his wife, Jessica; his children, Ava and Emery;
12 his parents, Robin (Bill) Monson and Kevin Weist; his sister,
13 Lindsay Weist; his paternal grandfather, Donald Weist; his
14 maternal grandfathers, Donald Mueller and Jim (Carol) Nicholas
15 Jr.; his stepsiblings Jason (Cathleen) Monson, Bill
16 (Christina) Monson, Ryan (Annie) Monson, Renee (Cory) Funk,
17 and Megan Monson; his in-laws, Cheryl and Lawrence Milder; his
18 sisters, Kendra (Michael) Elledge and Jennifer (Joe) Kindon;
19 and his brother, Benjy Milder (Tiffany Bogardo); therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 150
2 from Galesburg Main Street to the intersection of U.S. Route
3 150 and Illinois Route 17 in Alpha as the "Deputy Sheriff Nick
4 Weist Memorial Highway"; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
6 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
7 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
8 giving notice of the name "Deputy Sheriff Nick Weist Memorial
9 Highway"; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to the family Deputy Weist and the Secretary of
12 Transportation.