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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 those individuals who have
4 given their lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, On October 4, 2021, DEA Special Agent Michael
6 Gale "Mike" Garbo died while in the line of duty as a result of
7 injuries sustained during a shooting in downtown Tucson,
8 Arizona; and

9 WHEREAS, Special Agent Garbo was born in Grayville to
10 Carol Ann (Young) Garbo and Larry Garbo on February 10, 1970;
11 he graduated from Grayville High School in 1988 and Eastern
12 Illinois University; he served with the U.S. Army National
13 Guard; he resided in Sahuarita, Arizona at the time of his
14 passing; and

15 WHEREAS, Special Agent Garbo was inspired by his late
16 father, an Illinois State Police captain, and pursued a career
17 in law enforcement; he was a former police officer for the
18 Metro Nashville Police Department; he was currently serving as
19 a special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
20 based in Tucson, Arizona, a position he held since 2005; with
21 unmatched talent, knowledge, dignity, and bravery, he
22 dedicated his life's work to combating drug traffickers,

1 spanning from Kabul, Afghanistan to various locations across
2 the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Special Agent Garbo was a dedicated father and
4 husband who devoted his life to serving and caring for others;
5 he enjoyed practicing Jiu Jitsu and martial arts, spending
6 time with his family, and watching his daughter succeed in
7 every aspect of her life; and

8 WHEREAS, Special Agent Garbo was preceded in death by his
9 parents and his special grandmother, Betty Garbo; and

10 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Special Agent Garbo
11 was survived by his wife, Vida Mary Garbo; his daughter,
12 Alexis Garbo; his niece and goddaughter, Kennedy Valinevicius;
13 his brother, Terry Garbo; and many other loved ones;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
17 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
18 Interstate 64 between mile marker 128 and 132 as the "DEA
19 Special Agent Michael Garbo Memorial Highway"; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation

1 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
2 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
3 giving notice of the name "DEA Special Agent Michael Garbo
4 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Special Agent Garbo and the
7 Secretary of Transportation.