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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, Chief Arthur L. Weston was born to Leo and  
7 Dorothy Weston in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 1, 1925; he  
8 graduated from West High School in 1943; he served with the  
9 U.S. Army during World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Weston started his career as a patrolman  
11 for the Loves Park Police Department; he was the former police  
12 chief and organizer of the Rock Valley security force; he also  
13 served as the Byron and Roscoe police chief as well as deputy  
14 coroner for Winnebago County and deputy in the Winnebago  
15 County Sheriff's Department; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Weston married Marion Weston on August 21,  
17 1947; he was a loving husband and father to Marion and his five  
18 children, Cindy Gau, Vickey Robert, Debbie Pasch, Wanda  
19 Vertterlli, and William Weston; and

20 WHEREAS, Chief Weston was a proud member of the Illinois  
21 Police Association, the Rockton Rotary Club, and the Rockton

1 American Legion; and

2 WHEREAS, On October 27, 1977, Chief Weston responded to a  
3 burglary-in-progress call and located the suspect in an  
4 upstairs bedroom; after an intense struggle, he was able to  
5 place the suspect into custody; as he was transporting the  
6 suspect to jail, he began to have chest pains and called for  
7 backup; he was taken to a local hospital, where he died  
8 approximately one hour later; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Weston gave his life in the line of duty;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Chief Weston was  
12 survived by his wife, Marion, and his children, Cindy, Vickey,  
13 Debbie, Wanda, and William; 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 we designate the section of  
17 Illinois Route 75 from East Union Street to East River Street  
18 in Rockton as the "Chief Arthur L. Weston Memorial Highway";  
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
21 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with

1 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
2 giving notice of the name "Chief Arthur L. Weston Memorial  
3 Highway"; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Chief Weston and the Secretary of  
6 Transportation.