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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 veterans who have served  
4 their country and the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wilbur E. Troehler was born in the  
6 small farming town of Fairbury to parents Grover C. and Aline  
7 Troehler on March 3, 1916; he married Ruth M. Urban on February  
8 21, 1941, and they settled in Chicago, where they had three  
9 sons, Eugene, William, and Robert; and

10 WHEREAS, SSG Troehler was inducted into the United States  
11 Army at Gary, Indiana on March 23, 1943; he received his basic  
12 training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and advanced  
13 individual training at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky; upon  
14 completion of training, he was assigned to the 75th Infantry  
15 Division and further assigned to Company D, 289th Infantry  
16 Regiment; the 75th Infantry Division was activated April 15,  
17 1943 and deployed overseas on November 14, 1944; and

18 WHEREAS, SSG Troehler entered combat as a Heavy Weapons  
19 NCO and Section Leader under the 75th Infantry Division on  
20 Christmas Day 1944 in the Ardennes Counter Offensive, later  
21 known as the Battle of the Bulge; and

1           WHEREAS, SSG Troehler returned to the U.S. in April 1945  
2 after marching through England, France, Belgium, and  
3 Luxemburg; and

4           WHEREAS, SSG Troehler received numerous medals, including  
5 the Bronze Star, the American Campaign Medal, the  
6 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War  
7 II Victory Medal, and the Army Occupation Medal; and

8           WHEREAS, SSG Troehler received the Combat Infantry Badge,  
9 the Expert Infantry Badge, and the Expert Marksmanship Badge;  
10 he was also given the Honorable Service Lapel Button; and

11           WHEREAS, SSG Troehler passed away on April 13, 1989 in  
12 Chicago; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate U.S. Route 24 as  
16 it travels through Fairbury as the "SSG Wilbur E. Troehler  
17 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
19 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
20 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
21 giving notice of the name "SSG Wilbur E. Troehler Memorial

1 Highway"; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of SSG Troehler, the Mayor of  
4 Fairbury, and the Secretary of Transportation.