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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to individuals who have given
4 their lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Special Agent Virgil Lee Bensyl was shot and
6 killed on January 15, 1988 while he and four other agents
7 attempted to arrest a corrections officer for conspiracy to
8 commit murder; and

9 WHEREAS, Special Agent Bensyl served with the U.S. Marines
10 during the Vietnam War; he joined the Illinois State Police on
11 July 14, 1969 and served in District 10 (Pesotum) until 1984
12 when he graduated from New Agents Class #4; he was then
13 assigned to Zone 10; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 29, 1988, District 10 Headquarters was
15 re-dedicated in honor of Special Agent Bensyl; and

16 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Special Agent Bensyl
17 was survived by his wife and son; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate

1 Interstate 57 as it travels from Pesotum to Champaign as the
2 "ISP Special Agent V. Lee Bensyl Memorial Highway"; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
5 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
6 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
7 giving notice of the name of "ISP Special Agent V. Lee Bensyl
8 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we rescind the directive in Senate Joint
10 Resolution 16 of the 102nd General Assembly that designates
11 Illinois State Route 51 in Oconee after Special Agent Bensyl;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Special Agent Bensyl and the
15 Secretary of Transportation.