



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 108

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish
3 to acknowledge the life of State Trooper Howard Cleff, who
4 passed away on February 1, 2000; and

5 WHEREAS, Howard Cleff was born in 1914 in Birds, Illinois;
6 he was hired by the Illinois State Police in 1941, where he
7 attended the second class for motorcycle troopers at the
8 Academy; he served for thirty-two years, receiving superior
9 ratings every year; and

10 WHEREAS, He received the Sharp Shooter Award several times
11 during his career, a commendation for apprehending a "ten most
12 wanted" fugitive during the 1960s Cairo riots, and received a
13 \$100 war bond for making the suggestion to paint white stripes
14 on the shoulders of Illinois highways; and

15 WHEREAS, Howard Cleff retired from the Illinois State
16 Police as a motorcycle trooper second class in September of
17 1973; and

18 WHEREAS, Howard Cleff, Badge number 212, is remembered as
19 one of the best liked Illinois State Policemen; therefore, be
20 it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we remember the life and career
4 of Howard Cleff and designate that portion of US Route 50
5 around the north side of Lawrenceville as the Howard Cleff
6 Memorial Highway; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
8 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
9 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
10 giving notice of the designation of that portion of US Route 50
11 around the north side of Lawrenceville as the Howard Cleff
12 Memorial Highway; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Howard Cleff and to the Secretary of
15 the Illinois Department of Transportation.