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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 individuals who gave their
4 lives in the service of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Trooper Kyle W. Deatherage of Highland, gave his
6 life in the line of duty on November 26, 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, Trooper Kyle Deatherage was born on April 11,
8 1980, in Maryville; the son of Barry W. Sr. and April Kay (nee
9 Karpowicz) Deatherage; he married his loving wife, Sarah, on
10 September 16, 2006; and

11 WHEREAS, Trooper Kyle Deatherage as a youth lived in
12 Collinsville before moving with his family to St. Jacob in 1990
13 and graduated from Triad High School in 1998; he subsequently
14 earned his associate's degree in criminal justice at Lewis and
15 Clark College; and

16 WHEREAS, Trooper Kyle Deatherage began his career in law
17 enforcement with the Staunton Police Department; he later
18 worked for the Madison County Sheriff's Office from July 7,
19 2004 until May 28, 2009; on May 31, 2009, he became an Illinois
20 State Trooper with District 18 and began serving as a motor
21 officer; and

1 WHEREAS, Trooper Kyle Deatherage enjoyed fishing, hunting
2 turkey, deer, and birds and spending time with his close
3 friends and his fellow officers; he was known for always being
4 willing to help; above all, he loved his children and his wife,
5 Sarah; and

6 WHEREAS, Trooper Kyle Deatherage was preceded in death by
7 his paternal grandfather, Ralph M. Deatherage; and his maternal
8 grandparents, Casmir and Rose Anna Karpowicz; and

9 WHEREAS, Trooper Kyle Deatherage is survived by his wife,
10 Sarah A. (nee Gregory) Deatherage; his daughter, Kaylee Ann
11 Deatherage; his son, Camden Kyle Deatherage; his father, Barry
12 W. Deatherage Sr.; his mother, April Kay (nee Karpowicz)
13 Deatherage; his brothers, Barry W. Deatherage Jr. and Kenneth
14 M. (Ashleigh) Deatherage; his sister, Anna B. Deatherage; his
15 paternal grandmother, Brooksie M. (nee South) Deatherage; and
16 his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gean B. and Eleanor L.
17 (nee Christin) Gregory; and

18 WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn honored Trooper Kyle
19 Deatherage by ordering the United States and Illinois flags
20 flown at half-staff from sunrise, Thursday, November 29, 2012,
21 until sunset, Saturday, December 1, 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, Police officers from Illinois, Missouri, the
2 Texas Highway Patrol, the Louisiana State Police, the Ohio
3 State Patrol, and Patriot Guard riders joined a procession of
4 motorcycles and squad cars to Marine City Cemetery where
5 Trooper Kyle Deatherage was laid to rest with honors; and

6 WHEREAS, Trooper Kyle Deatherage's courage will be
7 remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow officers,
8 and all who knew him, and it is therefore fitting that we not
9 forget Trooper Kyle Deatherage's sacrifice; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the northbound and
13 southbound Coalfield rest stops located at mile post 64 on
14 Interstate 55 in the State of Illinois as the "Trooper Kyle
15 Deatherage Memorial Rest Stop"; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
17 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
18 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
19 giving notice of the name; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Trooper Kyle Deatherage, Governor
22 Pat Quinn, the director of the Illinois State Police, and the

1 secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.