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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 gave their
4 lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Douglas County Chief Deputy Tommy K. Martin's last
6 watch occurred on June 21, 2007, when he was shot while
7 pursuing armed suspects fleeing a home invasion robbery; he
8 held on to life until July 17, 2007, when he finally succumbed
9 to his wounds while at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Martin became an Illinois State
12 Police Crime Scene Investigator in 1978; after retiring from
13 the Illinois State Police, he served as Chief Deputy Sheriff of
14 Douglas County beginning in 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Martin was a deacon of the Tuscola
16 United Church of Christ; he was a member of the Tuscola Warrior
17 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1009 and Tuscola American Legion
18 Post #27 and served in the United States Navy during the
19 Vietnam War; he was posthumously awarded the prestigious Law
20 Enforcement Medal of Honor in 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Martin is survived by his son; his

1 daughter and son-in-law; a brother; and 3 grandchildren;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 45 as it
6 passes through Douglas County between Pesotum and Tuscola as
7 the Tommy K. Martin Memorial Highway; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
9 is requested to erect at suitable locations, and, in
10 particular, the intersection of the "Hayes Road" and Illinois
11 Route 45, consistent with State and federal regulations,
12 appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the Tommy K.
13 Martin Memorial Highway; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
16 Transportation and the family of Tommy K. Martin.