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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is important to remember and honor the service of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, It is long overdue that we recognize, honor, and remember the sacrifices of those who served and died in the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, Glenard Jay Gregory was born in Shipman, Illinois to J.W. and Velda Lorene (Manahan) Gregory on February 27, 1949; he enlisted in the United States Army on November 28, 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Glenard Jay Gregory served as a Field artillery Basic with Battery A of the 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery, 23rd Artillery Group, II Field Force; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Gregory started his tour of Vietnam on May 6, 1968; he was injured on April 19, 1969 and passed away on April 20, 1969, tragically dying at the age of 20, just days before he was scheduled to return home; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Gregory was awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Medal,

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1 the Purple Heart Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Expert
2 Sharpshooter Medal, and the Bronze Star with "V" Decoration;
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4 WHEREAS, Sgt. Gregory is buried in the Shipman Cemetery in
5 Macoupin County; and

6 WHEREAS, Sgt. Gregory is honored on Panel 26w, Line 15 of
7 the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
10 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Route 16 in Shipman,
11 Illinois as the "Sgt. Glenard Jay Gregory Memorial Road"; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
14 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
15 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
16 giving notice of the name "Sgt. Glenard Jay Memorial Road"; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Sgt. Glenard Jay Gregory, the
20 Village of Shipman, and the Secretary of Transportation.