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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2 WHEREAS, It is fitting to honor those who have served their 3 communities and country; and 4 WHEREAS, John Nicolay, who was born in Bavaria and later immigrated to the United States, settled in Pittsfield and 5 6 edited the Pike County Free Press; and 7 WHEREAS, Nicolay later met Abraham Lincoln and became a 8 loyal adherent of the future President of the United States; 9 and 10 WHEREAS, Upon becoming President, Abraham 11 appointed John Nicolay as his personal secretary, a role he 12 served until President Lincoln's assassination; and 13 WHEREAS, John Hay, who was sent to live in Pittsfield to 14 attend school, later met John Nicolay; and 15 WHEREAS, After John Hay graduated from Brown University, 16 John Nicolay recommended that Hay assist him in his duties as President Lincoln's secretary; and 17 18 WHEREAS, John Hay served as a secretary to President

Lincoln until his assassination; he continued to live a life of

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- 1 public service, as the Ambassador to the United Kingdom and
- 2 then the Secretary of State; and
- 3 WHEREAS, John Nicolay and John Hay collaborated on the
- 4 official biography of President Lincoln; therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- 7 CONCURRING HEREIN, that Illinois Highway 107 from Pittsfield to
- 8 Interstate 72 is designated as the "Lincoln Secretaries'
- 9 Trail"; and be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
- is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
- 12 State and federal regulations, appropriate plagues or signs
- 13 giving notice of the name "Lincoln Secretaries' Trail".