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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 those individuals who have
4 served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate
5 sacrifice for our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles Thomas Heinemeier was born in Alton to
7 John and Lela Heinemeier on March 2, 1949, the fourth son of 10
8 children; and

9 WHEREAS, Marine Lance Corporal Heinemeier graduated from
10 Bunker Hill High School in 1967, where he played baseball and
11 basketball; after high school, he worked construction at McCann
12 Concrete and the Olin Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, In May of 1968, Cpl. Heinemeier, following the
14 lead of his older brothers, enlisted in the U.S. Marines; he
15 attended basic training in San Diego and Camp Pendleton
16 California; in December of 1968, he was sent to Vietnam, six
17 months after he enlisted; and

18 WHEREAS, Cpl. Heinemeier was killed on August 19, 1969
19 while serving with the 1st Marine Division in Quang Nam,
20 Vietnam; and

1 WHEREAS, Cpl. Heinemeier was posthumously awarded three
2 Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart; and

3 WHEREAS, Cpl. Heinemeier's commanding officer remembers
4 him as the man who made life bearable in the midst of death;
5 "Your son," he wrote Mrs. Heinemeier, "was our morale booster.
6 We wouldn't have made it without him."; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate IL-159 from Detour
10 Road to IL-16 in Bunker Hill as the "Lance Cpl. Charles
11 Heinemeier Memorial Highway"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
13 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
14 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
15 giving notice of the name "Lance Cpl. Charlie Heinemeier
16 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Cpl. Heinemeier, the Mayor of Bunker
19 Hill, and the Secretary of Transportation.