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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Private First Class Andrew N. Meari was assigned to service in Afghanistan as a member of 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); and

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WHEREAS, While guarding an entrance point to Combat Outpost Senjaray on November 1, 2010, PFC Meari and a comrade intercepted a motorcycle-riding, explosive-armed suicide bomber who was trying to get into the American combat camp; and

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WHEREAS, Upon being intercepted, the suicide bomber detonated himself, killing himself and two Americans, including PFC Meari; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Meari was killed in action in Afghanistan on November 1, 2010 under circumstances that saved multiple lives in the combat outpost that was under attack; and

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WHEREAS, The memory of PFC Meari and his heroic service is commemorated by his neighbors with PFC Andrew Meari Memorial Park, located in his home town of Plainfield; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

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1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
2 Illinois Route 59 from Caton Farm Road to Illinois Route 126 as
3 the "PFC Andrew Meari Memorial Highway"; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
5 be requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
6 State and Federal regulations, an appropriate plaque or signs
7 giving notice of the name "PFC Andrew Meari Memorial Highway";
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 presented to Denise Williams of Plainfield, the mother of
11 Private First Class Andrew N. Meari, and the Secretary of the
12 Illinois Department of Transportation.