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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 have given
4 their lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Special Agent Virgil Lee Bensyl was shot and
6 killed on January 15, 1988 while he and four other agents
7 attempted to arrest a corrections officer for conspiracy to
8 commit murder; and

9 WHEREAS, Special Agent Bensyl served with the U.S. Marines
10 during the Vietnam War; he joined the Illinois State Police on
11 July 14, 1969 and served in District 10 (Pesotum) until 1984
12 when he graduated from New Agents Class #4; he was then
13 assigned to Zone 10; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 29, 1988, District 10 Headquarters was
15 re-dedicated in honor of Special Agent Bensyl; and

16 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Agent Bensyl was
17 survived by his wife and son; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois State Route 51 in

1 Ocone in southwest Shelby County as the "ISP Special Agent
2 Virgil Lee Bensyl Memorial Highway"; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
4 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
5 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
6 giving notice of the name of "ISP Special Agent Virgil Lee
7 Bensyl Memorial Highway"; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Special Agent Bensyl and the
10 Secretary of Transportation.