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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 individuals who gave their
4 lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois State Trooper Bernard Delano "Bernie"
6 Skeeters's last watch occurred on May 20, 1982 when his patrol
7 car was struck from behind by a tractor trailer on Interstate
8 55 near Williamsville; and

9 WHEREAS, Trooper Skeeters was working a safety detail
10 patrolling on southbound I-55 behind a paint truck when a
11 semi-trailer slammed into his squad car from behind forcing his
12 car into the paint truck in front of him; the 3-vehicle
13 accident instantly killed Trooper Skeeters; and

14 WHEREAS, Trooper Skeeters became an Illinois State Troper
15 on March 9, 1970 and served for 12 years; he was assigned to
16 District 9 in Springfield; he was the youngest of 15 children
17 to Joseph Edward and Grace Rosalie (nee Whitcomb) Skeeters; he
18 was survived by his wife, Marie, and their 3 sons, Tom, Ron,
19 and the late Andy; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
2 Interstate 55 near Williamsville from mile marker 107 ending at
3 mile marker 109 as the "Trooper Bernard D. Skeeters Memorial
4 Highway"; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
6 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
7 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
8 giving notice of the name "Trooper Bernard D. Skeeters Memorial
9 Highway"; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Trooper Skeeters and the Secretary
12 of the Illinois Department of Transportation.