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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have gone above and beyond the call of duty to take part in truly heroic tasks; and

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WHEREAS, Gary "Randy" Scott was born on January 17, 1961 and grew up in Rankin; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Scott joined the United States Marine Corps on February 22, 1980; he served as part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force as a member of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment Landing Team - BLT 1/8 of the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit as a combat engineer; and

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WHEREAS, On October 23, 1983, Gary Scott was serving as a corporal when a truck laden with the equivalent of over 12,000 pounds of TNT crashed through the perimeter of the compound of the United States contingent of the Multinational Force at Beirut International Airport in Lebanon, penetrated the Battalion Landing Team Headquarters building, and detonated; the force of the explosion destroyed the building, resulting in the deaths of 241 United States military personnel: 200 Marines, 18 sailors, and 3 soldiers; this incident was the

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1 deadliest single-day death toll for the United States Marine
2 Corps since the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

3 WHEREAS, Following his courageous service, Gary Scott was
4 posthumously promoted to the rank of sergeant; and

5 WHEREAS, There is a section of highway on Illinois Route 49
6 from Illinois Route 9 in Rankin which extends to Cissna Park;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the
10 portion of Illinois Route 49 from Illinois Route 9 in Rankin to
11 Cissna Park as the "Sgt. Gary "Randy" Scott Memorial Highway";
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
14 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
15 State and federal regulations, an appropriate plaque or signs
16 giving notice of the name of the Sgt. Gary "Randy" Scott
17 Memorial Highway; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Gary "Randy" Scott, the Fallen
20 Heroes Veterans Club, the Village of Rankin, and the Secretary
21 of the Illinois Department of Transportation.