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

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Police has proudly served the
6 citizens of Illinois since 1922, and its dedication to public
7 safety has saved countless lives and has enriched the State of
8 Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 27, 1972, Special Agent Pete Earl
10 Lackey of Winchester was killed in the line of duty on his way
11 to work in Springfield, where he was scheduled to testify at a
12 drug trial that morning; and

13 WHEREAS, Special Agent Lackey, while driving toward
14 Springfield, was spotted by the defendant in the case, who in
15 turn rammed his car into the rear of the agent's automobile;
16 when Special Agent Lackey pulled over to the shoulder of the
17 road, the attacker jumped through the passenger side window
18 with a large hunting knife in his hand and attacked the agent
19 while he attempted to reach for his service weapon; and

20 WHEREAS, The defendant was later arrested and brought to
21 trial in Decatur but was acquitted; in 1981, he admitted his

1 crime in an interview with a reporter from Springfield's State
2 Journal-Register; and

3 WHEREAS, Special Agent Lackey had served with the Illinois
4 Bureau of Investigation (IBI) for two years; prior to serving
5 with the IBI, he had been a physical education teacher and
6 coach at Winchester High School; and

7 WHEREAS, Special Agent Lackey was survived by his wife and
8 two children; and

9 WHEREAS, Special Agent Lackey's service and sacrifice
10 should never be forgotten; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Old U.S. Route 36
14 from Jacksonville to Alexander as the "Special Agent Pete
15 Lackey Memorial Highway"; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
17 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
18 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
19 giving notice of the name "Special Agent Pete Lackey Memorial
20 Highway"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the surviving family members of Special Agent
3 Pete Earl Lackey, the Illinois State Police, and the Secretary
4 of the Illinois Department of Transportation.