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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are honored to pay tribute to those who have given their lives to protect and serve the citizens of this great nation; and

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WHEREAS, On October 6, 2016, Officer Blake Snyder, a four-year veteran of the St. Louis County Police Department was killed in the line of duty; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Snyder was a lifelong resident of Madison County, living mostly in Godfrey; he graduated from Alton High School in 2001, and received degrees from Lewis and Clark Community College and Ranken Technical College in St. Louis, Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Snyder was an active member of his community; he served as Creative Director and as a graphic designer for the Destiny Church; he served on the Board of Directors for Riverbend Family Ministries and spent time employed with the Village of Godfrey Parks and Recreation Department; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Snyder joined the St. Louis County Police Department in July of 2012, following in the footsteps of his father-in-law who had been a member of the Granite City Police;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, Officer Snyder brought with him to the St. Louis
3 County Police Department a particular talent for conducting
4 Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) arrests; and

5 WHEREAS, A former co-worker said this of Officer Snyder's
6 work, "His reports were pristine", and "He could never be beat
7 in court, and defense attorneys knew that"; and

8 WHEREAS, On October 6, 2016, Officer Snyder was called to
9 action in response to a complaint of disturbing the peace in
10 Green Park, Missouri; he was shot and killed by the perpetrator
11 of the disturbance; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Snyder is survived by his wife, Elizabeth
13 Snyder; his son, Malachi Snyder; his parents, Richard and Peggy
14 Snyder; his brother, Adam Snyder; and his half-brother, Scott
15 Harrold; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
18 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 100
19 beginning at the northwest city limits of Godfrey and ending at
20 the southeast city limits as the "Officer Blake Snyder Memorial
21 Highway"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
2 is request to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
3 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
4 giving notice of the name of the "Officer Blake Snyder Memorial
5 Highway"; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Officer Snyder and the Secretary of
8 the Department of Transportation.