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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 the truly great individuals
4 who have served our country, and in doing so, have gone above
5 and beyond the call of duty to make the ultimate sacrifice for
6 our nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Sgt. Don H. Lascelles was born and raised in Mason
8 County; he was a member of the American Legion Boys; and

9 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lascelles graduated with honors from Balyki
10 Community High School in 1965; and

11 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lascelles volunteered for the United States
12 Army and served honorably in Vietnam; and

13 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lascelles was cited for valor in assuming
14 command of his platoon in action against the enemy after his
15 platoon leaders fell in battle, one seriously wounded and the
16 other killed; as a result, he was awarded the Bronze Star with
17 V device; and

18 WHEREAS, In further action on June 6, 1969, Sgt. Lascelles
19 performed in a similar manner, protecting his men when he was
20 mortally wounded; and

1 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lascelles was posthumously awarded a second
2 Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster; and

3 WHEREAS, Sgt. Lascelles is honored on the Vietnam War
4 Memorial on the courthouse square in the City of Havana, the
5 Vietnam Memorial in Springfield, and the National Vietnam
6 Memorial in Washington, D.C.; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
9 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of Illinois
10 Route 78 in Mason County from the Illinois River in the City of
11 Havana to the Sangamon River in the township of Lynchburg as
12 the "Sgt. Don H. Lascelles Memorial Highway"; 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, appropriate plaques or signs
16 giving notice of the name "Sgt. Don H. Lascelles Memorial
17 Highway"; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Sgt. Lascelles and the Secretary of
20 the Department of Transportation.