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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Medevac Pilot Larry D. Mills, along with flight
6 nurse Deborah Kroon, flight paramedic Michelle Tarwarter, and
7 patient April Rodriguez were killed on July 29, 2016 when the
8 Cal-Ore Life Flight plane they were on went down east of
9 McKinleyville, California; and

10 WHEREAS, Larry Mills was born in Warner Robins, Georgia on
11 March 17, 1962; his family moved to Marine in 1973 and he
12 graduated from Triad High School in 1980; he was an EMT and a
13 12-year veteran of the Marine Volunteer Fire Department; and

14 WHEREAS, Larry Mills was an exceptional pilot and
15 instructor who flew gliders, helicopters, dual aircraft, and
16 taught at Schafer Airport in St. Jacob; he had over 30 years of
17 flying experience and had contracts with the United States Army
18 and the Air Force to train pilots; and

19 WHEREAS, The Larry Mills Aviation Memorial Scholarship has
20 been established through the Highland Area Community
21 Foundation to honor the life and career of a pilot who gave his

1 life helping others; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
4 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 143 as it
5 travels from its intersection with Route 4 east through the
6 City of Marine as the "Larry D. Mills Memorial Highway"; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
9 is request to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
10 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
11 giving notice of the name of the "Larry D. Mills Memorial
12 Highway"; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Larry Mills, the Mayor of the City
15 of Marine, and the Secretary of Transportation.