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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 the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Morris Police Department Patrolman Clarence
6 Roseland's honorable service was tragically cut short when he
7 was killed in the line of duty on February 3, 1935; and

8 WHEREAS, Patrolman Roseland left behind his wife, Bertha,
9 and his children, Marge, Lois, Wayne, and Chuck; and

10 WHEREAS, On the night Patrolman Roseland was killed, both
11 he and his partner, Ed Garrity, were making their regular
12 rounds patrolling the stores and businesses in the downtown
13 area; and

14 WHEREAS, While on the 800 block of Liberty Street, Officer
15 Garrity had gone into a nearby building to attend to some
16 personal matters; Patrolman Roseland began to walk the streets,
17 checking local business; and

18 WHEREAS, When Patrolman Roseland reached Gable's Grocery
19 Store on the east side of the street, he discovered the door
20 was open; he entered the store and was confronted by a man with

1 a gun; he had interrupted a robbery in progress by three armed
2 men; and

3 WHEREAS, Patrolman Roseland was forced at gunpoint to
4 return to his vehicle; when Officer Garrity returned to the
5 squad car, he found that Patrolman Roseland had been shot from
6 behind in cold blood and had died almost instantly; and

7 WHEREAS, The robbers fled the scene with a female hostage,
8 who they released later near Joliet; the criminals robbery
9 yielded a total of less than \$60; and

10 WHEREAS, After several months, the robbers were
11 apprehended and Louis Lutz was charged with the murder of
12 Patrolman Roseland; and

13 WHEREAS, The murder of Patrolman Roseland was a tragedy
14 that greatly affected the residents of Grundy County for many
15 years to come; he was a great and noble man who was a respected
16 citizen of his community; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of
20 Illinois Route 47 over the Illinois River bridge from Pine
21 Bluff Road to Washington Street as the "Patrolman Clarence

1 Roseland Memorial Road"; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
3 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
4 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
5 giving notice of the name of the "Patrolman Clarence Roseland
6 Memorial Road"; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Patrolman Roseland, the Secretary of
9 the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Morris Police
10 Department, and the Mayor of the City of Morris.