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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is important to remember and honor those who
3 gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to the State Of
4 Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois State Police Trooper Marvin C. Archer, a
6 World War II veteran, was killed in a gunfight on June 18, 1946
7 while attempting to apprehend two vehicle thieves at the
8 intersection of Illinois Routes 6 and 9 near Paxton; and

9 WHEREAS, Trooper Archer and his partner, Vernon Harper,
10 spotted the stolen vehicle and initiated a traffic stop; the
11 two suspects opened fire, and both officers took cover and
12 returned fire; and

13 WHEREAS, Trooper Archer was shot and died on the scene; and

14 WHEREAS, One of the suspects re-entered a vehicle and led
15 Illinois and Indiana state police on a pursuit; he changed
16 vehicles two more times before Illinois troopers found him
17 approximately three hours later inside a parked vehicle near
18 Champaign; three troopers opened fire and fatally shot the
19 suspect multiple times; and

20 WHEREAS, Trooper Archer served two years with the Illinois

1 State Police and then two years as a combat engineer in the
2 Pacific during World War II; he returned to his state police
3 duties six months before his death; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Police have saved countless
5 lives by protecting the citizens of Illinois through law
6 enforcement and patrolling the roadways of our State; and

7 WHEREAS, Trooper Archer is an example of the dedication and
8 sacrifice of the Illinois State Police, and it is fitting we
9 remember his sacrifice; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
13 Illinois Route 9 between South Washington Street and High
14 Street in Paxton as the "Trooper Marvin C. Archer Memorial
15 Road"; 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 "Trooper Marvin C. Archer Memorial
20 Road"; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Trooper Archer and the Secretary of
2 Transportation.