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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly pays respect to Captain Jacob "Jake" Ringering by
4 honoring him with a memorial highway; and

5 WHEREAS, Jake Ringering passed away in the line of duty on
6 March 5, 2019 at the age of 37; he was born on December 14, 1981
7 in Alton; he graduated from East Alton Wood River High School
8 in 2000 and from Lewis & Clark Community College in 2004 with
9 an Associate's Degree in Fire Science; he also earned his
10 Emergency Medical Technician License; and

11 WHEREAS, Jake Ringering began his long career as a
12 firefighter in East Alton on February 20, 2001; he was hired as
13 a career firefighter at East Alton on December 20, 2005; on
14 August 5, 2010, he was hired as a career firefighter with the
15 Godfrey Fire Protection District, where he attained the rank of
16 lieutenant on March 27, 2013 and captain on May 1, 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, Jake Ringering was the technical rescue officer,
18 respiratory protection officer, and lead instructor for the
19 Godfrey Fire Protection District; he earned Illinois Office of
20 the State Fire Marshal Certification in Firefighter II,
21 Firefighter III, Basic Operations Firefighter, Advanced
22 Technician Service Vehicle Operator, Fire Apparatus Engineer,

1 Vehicle and Machinery Operations, Rescue Specialist-Confined
2 Space, Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations, Rope
3 Operations, Fire Service Instructor I, Fire Service Instructor
4 II, Fire Investigator, and Rescue Specialist Vertical II/High
5 Angle; and

6 WHEREAS, As a result of his dedication to public service,
7 Jake Ringering impacted many lives, and countless individuals
8 are alive today as a testament; he served as president of the
9 Godfrey Firefighters Local 1692 and taught fire science at
10 Lewis & Clark Community College; he was also a
11 trainer/instructor through Max Fire Training and a member of
12 St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton; and

13 WHEREAS, Jake Ringering was preceded in death by his
14 grandparents, Lucien and Majorie Ringering, and Captain Ed
15 Ballard; and

16 WHEREAS, Jake Ringering is survived by his wife, Allison
17 Budde; his parents, Robin Ballard Disney and her husband,
18 Reverend Stephen Disney, and Larry Ringering and his wife, Jan;
19 his children, Nora Marie Ringering, Elaina Lynn Ringering, and
20 Logan Jacob Ringering; his brother, Chris Stratton (Richel);
21 his sister, Julie Downs (Jedediah); his grandmother, Thelma
22 Ballard; Allison's parents, Robert and Susan Budde; his
23 sister-in-law, Andrea Budde; his brother-in-law, Andrew Budde;

1 his nieces and nephews, Jaden, Jerald, Jolene, and Jacqueline
2 Downs, Landon and Levi Stratton, and Jackson Budde; and
3 numerous aunts; and

4 WHEREAS, Jake Ringering was the most devoted husband and
5 father to his family and always put them first in his life; he
6 was a leader and always wanted to help others; he was a loving
7 son, brother, and in-law, who never met a stranger; he was
8 loved by many people, and everyone he met called him a friend;
9 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 West Delmar Avenue
13 in Godfrey as it travels between Staten Drive and Valhalla
14 Cemetery as "Jake's Way Memorial Highway"; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
16 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
17 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
18 giving notice of the name "Jake's Way Memorial Highway"; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Captain Jake Ringering, the
22 Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, the

1 Mayor of the City of Alton, and the Mayor of the City of
2 Godfrey.