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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for us to remember the many
3 sacrifices and contributions members of the law enforcement
4 community make while protecting the safety of the public; and

5 WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 21 honored Illinois State
6 Police Trooper Michael McCarter, Paxton Police Department
7 Patrolman William Caisse, civilian Donald Vice, who were killed
8 during a traffic stop in I-57, and Paxton Police Department
9 Patrolman Larry C. Hale, who was wounded during the traffic
10 stop, by naming the overpass at 200 North Road, crossing I-57
11 South, near Paxton as the "McCarter-Caisse-Vice-Hale Memorial
12 Overpass"; and

13 WHEREAS, Trooper McCarter served as a Marine Sergeant in
14 Vietnam; he was a nine-year veteran of the Illinois State
15 Police and was assigned to District 6A; he was survived by his
16 wife and son; and

17 WHEREAS, Patrolman Caisse was a veteran of the United
18 States Army and served in Vietnam; he had been with the Paxton
19 Police Department for three years; he was survived by his wife,
20 his son, his two daughters, his parents, his four brothers, and
21 his sister; and

1 WHEREAS, Donald Vice worked at Caterpillar Tractor Company
2 in Pontiac; he was survived by his wife, his mother, his
3 stepfather, his three daughters, his six sons, his two
4 brothers, his three sisters, and his four grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Patrolman Hale was shot in the chest with the
6 bullet coming within inches of his heart; he fired back with
7 his shotgun, hitting one of the shooters four times; the
8 shooter fell to the ground, but then appeared to be reaching
9 for his gun, so Hale fired his revolver, killing him; and

10 WHEREAS, April 7, 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of this
11 tragedy, and we remember the sacrifices these brave men made on
12 April 7, 1979; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we remember the sacrifices and heroism of Illinois State Police
16 Trooper Michael McCarter, Paxton Police Department Patrolman
17 William Caisse, Paxton Police Department Patrolman Larry C.
18 Hale, and civilian Donald Vice on the 40th anniversary of the
19 shooting incident on I-57; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the families of Trooper McCarter, Paxton Patrolman
22 Caisse, and Donald Vice, and to Paxton Patrolman Hale, the

1 Illinois State Police, the Paxton Police Department, and Paxton
2 Mayor J. William Ingold.