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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General  
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to those individuals who have  
4 given their lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, On March 30, 2019, Illinois State Police Trooper  
6 Gerald "Jerry" Wayne Ellis was on duty in his squad car  
7 traveling home on Interstate 94 westbound near milepost 16.75  
8 in Green Oaks when a wrong-way driver, who was traveling  
9 eastbound in the westbound lanes, struck him head on; and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Ellis was an 11-year veteran of Illinois  
11 State Police District 15 in Downers Grove; and

12 WHEREAS, Trooper Ellis was born in Macomb on January 10,  
13 1983; he served in the U.S. Army and lived in Antioch with his  
14 family; and

15 WHEREAS, Trooper Ellis was preceded in death by his  
16 grandparents and Louis and Keith Ellis and Harry Irvin  
17 Nicholson and Geraldine Tournear Kindhart; and

18 WHEREAS, Trooper Ellis is survived by his wife of nine  
19 years, Stacy Ann Voight Ellis; his daughters, Kaylee Ann, and  
20 Zoe Olivia Ellis; his parents, Debra Ann Nicholson and Terry

1 (Cindy) Ellis; his brother, Keith Ellis; and his in-laws, Rick  
2 and Julie Voight; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of road on  
6 Interstate 94 from mile marker 16.50 to mile marker 17 as the  
7 "Trooper Gerald W. Ellis Memorial Highway"; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is  
9 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State  
10 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving  
11 notice of the name "Trooper Gerald W. Ellis Memorial Highway";  
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Trooper Ellis and the Chairman of  
15 the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.