



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

2 WHEREAS, Private First Class Andrew N. Meari was assigned
3 to service in Afghanistan as a member of 1st Battalion, 502nd
4 Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne
5 Division (Air Assault); and

6 WHEREAS, While returning from active patrol on November 1,
7 2010 at a location adjacent to Combat Outpost Senjeray, a
8 motorcycle approached the foot patrol; anticipating the
9 explosion, PFC Meari stepped toward the vehicle-borne suicide
10 bomber, absorbing the majority of the explosion and protecting
11 his squad mates; despite his heroic efforts, PFC Meari and one
12 other member of his squad were fatally wounded; and

13 WHEREAS, PFC Meari was killed in action in Afghanistan on
14 November 1, 2010 under circumstances that saved multiple lives
15 in the combat outpost that was under attack; and

16 WHEREAS, The memory of PFC Meari and his heroic service is
17 commemorated by his neighbors with PFC Andrew Meari Memorial
18 Park, located in his home town of Plainfield; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
21 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of

1 Illinois Route 59 from Caton Farm Road to Illinois Route 126 as
2 the "PFC Andrew Meari Memorial Highway"; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
4 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
5 State and Federal regulations, an appropriate plaque or signs
6 giving notice of the name "PFC Andrew Meari Memorial Highway";
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to Denise Williams of Plainfield, the mother of
10 Private First Class Andrew N. Meari, and the Secretary of the
11 Illinois Department of Transportation.