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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,
7 1981 in Alton; he graduated from East Alton Wood River High
8 School in 2000 and from Lewis & Clark Community College in 2004
9 with 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
16 of 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 Firefighter, Fire Officer I, Hazardous Materials

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Jake Ringering was
19 survived by his wife, Allison Ringering; his children, Nora
20 Marie Ringering, Elaina Lynn Ringering, and Logan Jacob
21 Ringering; his parents, Robin Ballard Disney and her husband,
22 Reverend Stephen Disney, and Larry Ringering and his wife,
23 Jan; his brother, Chris Stratton (Richel); his sister, Julie

1 Downs (Jedediah); his grandmother, Thelma Ballard; Allison's
2 parents, Robert and Susan Budde; his sister-in-law, Andrea
3 Budde; his brother-in-law, Andrew Budde; his nieces and
4 nephews, Jaden, Jerald, Jolene, and Jacqueline Downs, Landon
5 and Levi Stratton, and Jackson Budde; and numerous aunts,
6 uncles, and cousins; and

7 WHEREAS, Jake Ringering was the most devoted husband and
8 father to his family and always put them first in his life; he
9 was a leader and always wanted to help others; he was a loving
10 son, brother, and in-law, who never met a stranger; he was
11 loved by many people, and everyone he met called him a friend;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate West Delmar Avenue
16 in Godfrey as it travels between Pierce Lane and Valhalla
17 Cemetery as "The Captain Jake Ringering Memorial Highway"; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
20 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
21 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
22 giving notice of the name "The Captain Jake Ringering Memorial
23 Highway"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Captain Jake Ringering, the
3 Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, and
4 the Mayor of the Village of Godfrey.