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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is important to remember and honor those who  
3 gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to the State Of  
4 Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois State Police Trooper Marvin C. Archer, a  
6 World War II veteran, was killed in a gunfight on June 18, 1946  
7 while attempting to apprehend two vehicle thieves at the  
8 intersection of Illinois Route 45 and 9 near Paxton; and

9 WHEREAS, Trooper Archer and his partner, Vernon Harper,  
10 spotted the stolen vehicle and initiated a traffic stop; the  
11 two suspects opened fire, and both officers took cover and  
12 returned fire; and

13 WHEREAS, Trooper Archer was shot and died on the scene;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, One of the suspects re-entered a vehicle and led  
16 Illinois and Indiana state police on a pursuit; he changed  
17 vehicles two more times before Illinois troopers found him  
18 approximately three hours later inside a parked vehicle near  
19 Champaign; three troopers opened fire and fatally shot the  
20 suspect multiple times; and

1           WHEREAS, Trooper Archer served two years with the Illinois  
2 State Police and then two years as a combat engineer in the  
3 Pacific during World War II; he returned to his state police  
4 duties six months before his death; and

5           WHEREAS, The Illinois State Police have saved countless  
6 lives by protecting the citizens of Illinois through law  
7 enforcement and patrolling the roadways of our State; and

8           WHEREAS, Trooper Archer is an example of the dedication  
9 and sacrifice of the Illinois State Police, and it is fitting  
10 we remember his sacrifice; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of  
14 Illinois Route 9 between South Washington Street and High  
15 Street in Paxton as the "Trooper Marvin C. Archer Memorial  
16 Road"; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
18 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
19 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
20 giving notice of the name "Trooper Marvin C. Archer Memorial  
21 Road"; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Trooper Archer and the Secretary of  
3 Transportation.