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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General  
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to those who have made a  
4 difference in their community and the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, South Roxana Fire Chief William "Todd" Werner  
6 passed away on July 1, 2021, at the age of 48; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Werner was born in Carlinville on September  
8 9, 1972; he was the son of Josie (Fischer) Sparks and the late  
9 William "Bill" Sparks; he married Sonja Krotz on August 26,  
10 2006; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Werner worked in the fire service for 30  
12 years; he joined the South Roxana Fire Department in 1996,  
13 becoming the chief in 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief Werner had been employed by the Madison  
15 County Sheriff's Office for the last three years; he was a  
16 member of the South Roxana Dad's Club and the Madison County  
17 Emergency Management Association; at the time of his passing,  
18 he was serving as village trustee for the Village of South  
19 Roxana; and

20 WHEREAS, Chief Werner is survived by his mother; his wife;

1 his sons, Christopher Moore, Devin Moore, and Austin Moore;  
2 his sister, Carla Lattimore; his many nieces and nephews; and  
3 other extended family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Werner devoted his entire life to public  
5 service and was the epitome of selfless service to his  
6 community; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
9 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 111  
10 from New Poag Road to Madison Avenue as "The Chief Todd Werner  
11 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
13 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
14 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
15 giving notice of the name of "The Chief Todd Werner Memorial  
16 Highway"; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Chief Werner, the South Roxana Fire  
19 Department, the Village of South Roxana, and the Secretary of  
20 the Illinois Department of Transportation.