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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 the truly great individuals
4 who have served our State and, in doing so, have made the
5 ultimate sacrifice for our safety; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Bruce A. Williams was born to Melvin and
7 Etherlyn Williams in St. Elmo on May 29, 1961, the youngest of
8 three children; and

9 WHEREAS, Lt. Williams graduated from St Elmo High School
10 in 1979 and was an avid athlete, participating in football,
11 basketball, and track; he was in the National Honor Society
12 and the Industrial Art Club; and

13 WHEREAS, Lt. Williams met his wife, Kathy, while stationed
14 in Pensacola, Florida and was the father of four children,
15 Keith, Wyatt, Kelsey, and Logan; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to serving in the U.S. Navy in
17 Pensacola and China Lake, Lt. Williams served in the Persian
18 Gulf during Operation Desert Storm as assistant to the
19 commander of Mideast forces; and

20 WHEREAS, Lt. Williams, Lt. Daniel F. Mondon, AET-3 Agustin

1 Benitez-Rodriguez, AMS3 Michael S. Monaghan, and ADAN Dalyn
2 Wyatt lost their lives when their SAR HH-1N Huey struck a wire
3 and crashed in California's Sequoia National Forest on
4 February 18, 1998; and

5 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Lt. Williams was
6 survived by his parents, his wife, four children, his sister,
7 Kay Roach, and his brother, David Williams; and

8 WHEREAS, A memorial service for Lt. Williams and the four
9 other service members killed was held in the All Faith Chapel
10 at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake; 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 U.S. Route 40 from its intersection with Illinois Route 128
15 south to its intersection with North 1800 Street (Avena Road)
16 as the "Lt. Bruce A. Williams Memorial Highway"; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
19 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
20 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
21 giving notice of the name of the "Lt. Bruce A. Williams
22 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Lt. Williams, the City of St. Elmo,
3 and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
4 Transportation.