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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of 3rd  
4 generation volunteer firefighter Kody Michael Vanfossan of  
5 Christopher, who passed away while responding to a building  
6 fire on May 5, 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, Kody Vanfossan was known for his kind heart and  
8 willingness to help others, and he had countless friends, both  
9 in and out of the fire service; and

10 WHEREAS, Kody Vanfossan made the ultimate sacrifice in  
11 defense of and in service to his community while responding to  
12 a six alarm fire with the Christopher Fire Department; and

13 WHEREAS, Kody Vanfossan was preceded in death by his  
14 grandparents, Libero and Delphine Bartolotti, Mitch Wilkerson,  
15 Bob Adams, and Tom Vanfossan; and

16 WHEREAS, Kody Vanfossan was survived by his son, Erik  
17 Michael Vanfossan; his parents; his brother; and his sister;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The members of the 101st General Assembly offered  
20 their respect and esteem for the ultimate sacrifice paid by

1 fallen firefighter Kody Vanfossan via House Resolution 361;  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 148  
6 north of the City of Christopher at the city limits north of  
7 the intersection of Harrison Street and Highway 148 and south  
8 of the City of Christopher at the northeast intersection of  
9 Yellow Banks Road and Illinois Route 148 as the "Firefighter  
10 Kody M. Vanfossan Memorial Highway"; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
12 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
13 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
14 giving notice of the name of "Firefighter Kody M. Vanfossan  
15 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Kody Vanfossan, the City of  
18 Christopher, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
19 Transportation.