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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 individuals who have given
4 their lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Police has proudly served the
6 citizens of Illinois since 1922, and its dedication to public
7 safety has saved countless lives and has enriched the State of
8 Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Special Agent Pete Earl Lackey of Winchester was
10 killed in the line of duty as he was on his way to work in
11 Springfield, scheduled to testify at a drug trial that
12 morning; and

13 WHEREAS, The defendant in the case spotted Special Agent
14 Lackey driving toward the city and rammed his car into the rear
15 of Lackey's automobile; when Special Agent Lackey pulled over
16 to the shoulder of the road, the attacker jumped through the
17 passenger side window with a large hunting knife in his hand
18 and attacked Special Agent Lackey while he attempted to reach
19 for his weapon; and

20 WHEREAS, The defendant was later arrested and brought to
21 trial in Decatur but was acquitted; in 1981, he admitted his

1 crime in an interview with a reporter from Springfield's State
2 Journal Register; and

3 WHEREAS, Special Agent Lackey had served with the Illinois
4 Bureau of Investigation (IBI) for two years; prior to serving
5 with the IBI, he had been a physical education teacher and
6 coach at Winchester High School; and

7 WHEREAS, Special Agent Lackey was survived by his wife and
8 two children; and

9 WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of Special Agent Lackey
10 should never be forgotten; 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 Old US Route 36
14 from Jacksonville to Alexander as the "Special Agent Pete
15 Lackey Memorial Highway"; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
17 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
18 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
19 giving notice of the name of "Special Agent Pete Lackey
20 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the surviving members of Special Agent Pete
3 Lackey's family, the Illinois State Police, and the Secretary
4 of the Department of Transportation.