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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General  
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to those individuals who have  
4 given their lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, On May 19, 2021, at approximately 3:20 a.m.,  
6 Champaign Police Officer Christopher Oberheim, badge number  
7 703, was shot and killed while responding to a domestic  
8 disturbance call at an apartment complex in the 3200 block of  
9 North Neil Street; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Oberheim was born in Decatur on October  
11 31, 1976; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Oberheim began his career in law  
13 enforcement at the Decatur Police Department in 2000, where he  
14 quickly became a respected officer who led by quiet example  
15 and maintained a sense of humility even when receiving  
16 recognition for his heroic actions; he always looked forward  
17 to playing in the annual PBPA State Softball Tournament and  
18 making memories with his fellow officers, whose friendships he  
19 treasured; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Oberheim transferred to the Champaign  
21 Police Department in 2008, where he continued to protect and

1 serve his community; during his tenure, he received two Medals  
2 of Valor for his courageous acts of selfless bravery; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Oberheim was not only a police officer  
4 but also a son, brother, husband, father, beloved coach,  
5 trusted friend, and respected leader; he valued his family as  
6 his first priority, and his four daughters were his absolute  
7 pride and joy; he will be remembered for being a devoted public  
8 servant, a family tradition further continued by his younger  
9 brother and his cousin, who both serve as Decatur police  
10 officers; and

11 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Officer Oberheim was  
12 survived by his wife, Amber; his daughters, Hannah, Avery,  
13 Addison, and Aubree; his parents, Ted and Mary Ann Oberheim;  
14 his siblings, Greg (Michelle), Amy, Matt (Jennifer), Joe  
15 (Chelsea), and Sarah (Jason); his in-laws; and his nieces and  
16 nephews; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the  
20 section of I-72 between Decatur and Champaign as the "Officer  
21 Oberheim Memorial Highway"; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation

1 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
2 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
3 giving notice of the name "Officer Oberheim Memorial Highway";  
4 and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Officer Oberheim and the Secretary  
7 of the Illinois Department of Transportation.