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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____ . Amend House Joint Resolution 5 by
3 deleting everything after the heading and replacing it with
4 the following:

5 "WHEREAS, It is appropriate to remember the many
6 sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by
7 the outstanding men and women who served in the United States
8 Armed Forces; and

9 WHEREAS, Corporal Nathan E. Carlson was born in Rockford;
10 he graduated from Harlem High School in 2019, where he was
11 captain of the swim team; upon graduation, he enlisted in the
12 U.S. Marine Corps and attended boot camp at Marine Corps
13 Recruit Depot San Diego; he graduated from boot camp in August
14 2019 and officially earned the title of Marine; and

15 WHEREAS, CPL Carlson then reported to the School of

1 Infantry in Camp Pendleton, California, where he attended
2 Marine Combat Training (MCT); and

3 WHEREAS, Upon completing MCT, CPL Carlson attended Naval
4 Aircrew candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, where he
5 received water survival training; in January 2020, he reported
6 to the Center of Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) at
7 Marine Corps Air Station New River, where he learned the basic
8 technical skills of a MV-22B mechanic; upon graduating CNATT,
9 he attended Marine Air Group 26 (MAG-26) for initial crew
10 chief training on the MV-22B at Marine Medium Tiltrotor
11 Training Squadron 204; on September 11, 2020, he was winged
12 and officially became a Naval Aircrewman; and

13 WHEREAS, In September 2020, CPL Carlson then reported to
14 MAG-39, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 364 (VMM-364), where,
15 in the course of his duties, he was promoted to the rank of
16 corporal and served as a leader in the Flight Line Division as
17 a Basic Instructor Crew Chief and Plane Captain; and

18 WHEREAS, In October 2020, CPL Carlson participated in
19 Service Level Training Exercise 21-1; in April 2021, he was
20 deployed with the squadron to Special Purpose Marine Air
21 Ground Task Force - Crisis Response - Central Command based
22 out of Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait and Prince Sultan Air Base,
23 Saudi Arabia; and

1 WHEREAS, Upon returning from deployment, CPL Carlson
2 married the love of his life, Emily Baxter; subsequently, he
3 trained to become a Low Altitude Tactics instructor, Night
4 Systems instructor, Tail Gunnery Instructor, and Collateral
5 Duty Inspector; he amassed over 500 total flight hours and
6 over 70 combat hours while at VMM-364; and

7 WHEREAS, CPL Carlson was killed in the line of duty during
8 a military training exercise on June 8, 2022; and

9 WHEREAS, CPL Carlson is survived by his wife, Emily
10 Baxter-Carlson; his parents, Karrie and Eric Carlson; his
11 sisters, Casey and Mylee Carlson; and many close family and
12 friends; and

13 WHEREAS, CPL Carlson will forever be remembered as a
14 loving husband, son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, and
15 friend; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
18 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of
19 Illinois Route 173 from its intersection with Illinois Route
20 251 to Interstate 90 as the "CPL Nathan E. Carlson Memorial
21 Highway"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
2 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
3 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
4 giving notice of the name of "CPL Nathan E. Carlson Memorial
5 Highway"; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of CPL Carlson, the Secretary of
8 Transportation, the Principal of Harlem High School, the
9 Village President of Machesney Park, and the Mayor of Loves
10 Park."