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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 country and State and, in doing so, have
5 made the ultimate sacrifice; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Marlene R. Rittmanic of the Bradley
7 Police Department gave her life in the line of duty on December
8 30, 2021; and

9 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was born on October 6, 1972; she
10 was the daughter of James and Mary Jane (Thompson) Rittmanic;
11 she married Lyn Stua on June 11, 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was a 21-year law enforcement
13 veteran; she began her career as a deputy with the Iroquois
14 County Sheriff's Department in 2000; she joined the Bradley
15 Police Department on February 13, 2007, where she was promoted
16 to sergeant on September 2, 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was widely recognized as a leader
18 in community policing; she was known for her ability to speak
19 to members of the community with respect while meeting them
20 where they were in life, understanding their true needs, and
21 working together with them to find a solution; and

1 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was awarded the Law Enforcement
2 Officer of the Year in 2020 in recognition of her commitment to
3 the Bradley and Kankakee County communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was also a published poet, an
5 amateur photographer, and a film producer for her family, the
6 Bradley Police Department, and community events; alongside her
7 wife, she was an avid dog rescuer; and

8 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was preceded in death by her
9 mother, Mary Jane Rittmanic; her sister, Diana Jessen; her
10 brothers, Richard Rittmanic and Mark Rittmanic; and her
11 nephews, Richie Absher and Brett Mayhood; and

12 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic is survived by her wife, Lyn Stua;
13 her father, James Rittmanic; her sisters, Kimberly Organ,
14 Christina (Ty) O'Connor, Kathleen (Rodney) Emme, Colleen
15 Welch, and Jennifer (Jerry) Whitaker; her brother, James
16 (Trish) Rittmanic; and several nieces and nephews; and

17 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was a valiant Illinoisan and a
18 proud member of the Bradley and Kankakee County communities
19 who will be remembered for bravely and honorably serving its
20 citizens; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the 315 Overpass
4 on U.S. Route 57 as the "Sergeant Marlene R. Rittmanic
5 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
7 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
8 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
9 giving notice of the name of the "Sergeant Marlene R.
10 Rittmanic Memorial Highway"; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Sergeant Marlene R. Rittmanic and
13 the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.