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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, Third generation volunteer firefighter Kody
6 Michael Vanfossan made the ultimate sacrifice while responding
7 to a six alarm fire with the Christopher Fire Department on May
8 5, 2019; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Kody Vanfossan was
16 survived by his son, Erik Michael Vanfossan; his parents; his
17 brother; and his sister; and

18 WHEREAS, The members of the 101st General Assembly offered
19 their respect and condolences via House Resolution 361 for the
20 ultimate sacrifice made by fallen firefighter Kody Vanfossan;

1 therefore, be it

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

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

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