HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to truly great individuals who have served our country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Kleiboeker was assigned to the 2 nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; he was raised in Odin, which is located 148 miles south of Springfield just south of Centralia; he graduated from Odin High School, a school of less than one hundred students, in 2001 where he was an Honor Roll student; and

WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Kleiboeker enjoyed hunting and fishing and chose to serve his country by pursuing a lifelong dream of becoming a Marine; he planned to go to college before officers school; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian Kleiboeker will be deeply felt by all who knew him, including his mother, Teresa Clark, his father, Gary Kleiboeker, his father's wife, Sheryl, his sisters, Jessica, Jennifer, and Brittany, and his brothers, JR, JD, Shane, and Samuel; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of U.S. Route 50 as it runs through Odin as the "Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian Kleiboeker Highway"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name "Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian Kleiboeker Highway"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian Kleiboeker, the Mayor of Odin, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

