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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is the great honor of the Illinois General Assembly to pay tribute to those who devote their lives to the protection of the general public; and

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WHEREAS, Calhoun County Chief Deputy Sheriff Brian K. Gibbons was born on November 19, 1972 in Alton to Dennis Gibbons and Debbie (Bailey) Gibbons; he earned his associate's degree in business from Lewis and Clark Community College in 1993 and his bachelor's degree in law enforcement and justice administration in 1999; he became a certified police officer in 2002, when he graduated from Southwestern Police Academy; and

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WHEREAS, Brian Gibbons served the citizens of Calhoun County as Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, a position he served in with pride and distinction; on the fateful date of July 9, 2006, while on duty in full uniform, Brian Gibbons' marked Calhoun County squad car was struck by a drunk driver; Deputy Gibbons passed away two days later on July 11, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Brian Gibbons also served his country with pride as a member of the United States Army, another measure of his respect and love for his fellow man; and

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1 WHEREAS, Deputy Brian Gibbons' loyalty and dedication to
2 the citizens of Calhoun County as an officer of the law, and
3 his willingness to serve the people even at the expense of his
4 own life, is deserving of the highest respect of the Illinois
5 General Assembly and the citizens of the State of Illinois;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Illinois
10 Route 100 residing in Calhoun County as the Brian Gibbons
11 Memorial Highway in honor of this brave officer; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
14 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
15 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
16 giving notice of the name of the Brian Gibbons Memorial
17 Highway; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
20 Transportation and the Calhoun County Board.