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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, in doing so, have gone above
5 and beyond the call of duty to make the ultimate sacrifice for
6 our nation; and

7 WHEREAS, SPC Trevor Pinnick dedicated his life to defending
8 America's freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to
9 his nation on June 12, 2012, in a medical treatment facility at
10 Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his
11 unit was attacked by an enemy improvised explosive device; and

12 WHEREAS, SPC Trevor Pinnick was born on January 6, 1992, in
13 Chesapeake, Virginia, graduating from Lawrenceville High
14 School in May of 2010, and joining the Army right out of high
15 school, serving with the 18th Engineer Company, 1st Battalion,
16 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team
17 of the 2nd Infantry Division, out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord,
18 Washington; and

19 WHEREAS, SPC Trevor Pinnick received the Army Achievement
20 Medal on September 6, 2011, for his work in August 2011 with
21 the 18th Engineer Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment
22 and was promoted to Specialist in the first week of June 2011,

1 and was scheduled to be home on leave a month before giving his
2 life; he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart; and

3 WHEREAS, SPC Trevor Pinnick leaves behind his wife, Martha
4 Pinnick; his daughter, Melody Renee Pinnick; his mother, Nancy
5 Pinnick; his father, Thomas Pinnick; his older brother, Thomas
6 Pinnick Jr.; and his twin sisters, Kayla Lynn Pinnick and
7 Bethany Rose Pinnick; and

8 WHEREAS, United States and Illinois flags throughout the
9 State flew at half-staff as a symbol of mourning and to honor
10 the sacrifice of SPC Trevor Pinnick; and

11 WHEREAS, SPC Trevor Pinnick's funeral was held at the
12 Lawrenceville High School Auditorium and he was laid to rest in
13 Memorial Park Cemetery in Vincennes, Indiana, with full
14 military honors; and

15 WHEREAS, This fallen soldier deserves to be remembered by
16 the State of Illinois for his service to this country;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of U.S.
21 Route 50 from Lawrenceville, Illinois, to the Indiana border as

1 the "Trevor Pinnick Memorial Highway" in honor of the memory
2 and sacrifice of SPC Trevor Pinnick; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, The Illinois Department of Transportation is
4 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State
5 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving
6 notice of the name of the "Trevor Pinnick Memorial Highway";
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
10 Transportation, and the family of SPC Trevor Pinnick.