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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that we pay honor and respect
3 to the truly great individuals who have served our country, and
4 in doing so, have gone above and beyond the call of duty to
5 make the ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Major Reid B. Nannen of Hopedale passed away on
7 March 1, 2014 due to injuries sustained while training at
8 TOPGUN Naval Air Station in Fallon, Nevada; and

9 WHEREAS, Maj. Nannen was born in Peoria on October 15, 1981
10 to Dale P. and Mary Ann Nannen; he married Sarah M. Simpson on
11 August 6, 2005 in Peoria; he graduated from Olympia High School
12 in 2000, where he was a 2-year captain of the swim team,
13 section leader for the drum line, member of the Elite Eight
14 baseball teams in 1999 and 2000, and an Illinois State Scholar;
15 following his high school graduation, he attended the
16 University of Illinois, where he was a member of the NROTC
17 battalion and participated in the Marching Illini Drum Line
18 NROTC Drill Team; and

19 WHEREAS, Maj. Nannen was commissioned a 2nd LT. in May of
20 2004 and attended The Basic School with Delta Company class
21 4-04; after TBS, he attended Naval Aviation Training with

1 MATSG-21 at NAS Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, and NAS Meridian;
2 he received his Wings of Gold in February of 2007 and was
3 selected to fly F/A-18 Hornets; he moved to Lemoore,
4 California, for fleet replacement training with VFA-125 in May
5 of 2007; after finishing carrier qualification, he reported for
6 duty with MAG-11 at MCAS Miramar; in June of 2008, he joined
7 VMFA (AW)-232 and deployed from May to December of 2010 in
8 support of Operation Enduring Freedom 10.2 to Kandahar Airfield
9 in Afghanistan; while with the Red Devils, he served as NATOPS,
10 Ground Safety, Airframes, and Embark Officers; he attended
11 Tactical Air Control Party training in May of 2011 and
12 proceeded to Camp Pendleton, California, for duty as a forward
13 air controller with 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance
14 battalion; he again deployed to Afghanistan from October of
15 2011 to May of 2012 with 1st LAR in support of OEF 12.1 in the
16 lower Helmand River Valley in Afghanistan; he supported every
17 company within 1st LAR and conducted the first company level
18 helicopter operations within the battle space; he returned to
19 Camp Pendleton and subsequently detached from the battalion for
20 refresher training at VMFAT-101; in August of 2012, he
21 transferred to VMFA (AW)-242, where he served as the assistant
22 operations officer; and

23 WHEREAS, Maj. Nannen's awards and decorations include the
24 NATO Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Global War
25 on Terrorism Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the

1 National Defense Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Navy
2 Achievement Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Air
3 Medal; and

4 WHEREAS, Maj. Nannen is survived by his wife, Sarah;
5 children, Peter, Curtis, Betsy, and Isla Nannen; his parents,
6 Dale and Mary Ann Nannen; 2 sisters, Bethany Nannen Miller and
7 Briana Nannen; and maternal grandparents, Raymond and Elaine
8 Hays; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
12 Interstate 155 between the Delavan Exit (15) and the Hopedale
13 Exit (19) as the "Maj. Reid B. Nannen Memorial Highway"; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
16 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
17 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
18 giving notice of the name the "Maj. Reid B. Nannen Memorial
19 Highway"; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Maj. Nannen and the Secretary of the
22 Illinois Department of Transportation.