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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize those who contributed
3 to the betterment of the State of Illinois through public
4 service; and

5 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
6 Assembly pays honor and respect to individuals who gave their
7 lives in the service of the State; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
9 learn of the death of Casey J. Kohlmeier of Pontiac, who passed
10 away on October 30, 2013; and

11 WHEREAS, Casey Kohlmeier was born in Fairbury on June 5,
12 1984 to Jeff and Keri Kohlmeier; he graduated from Pontiac
13 Township High School in 2002 and earned his Bachelors Degree in
14 Technical Management from DeVry University; he served his
15 country in the United States Air Force from 2002 to 2006,
16 receiving the Distinguished Graduate Award during technical
17 school at Lackland Air Force Base; he then served at Offut Air
18 Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska; he was awarded the Air Force
19 Commendation Medal, the Air Force Training Ribbon, the National
20 Defense Service Medal, the Air Force BMT Honor Graduate Ribbon,
21 the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with device, the NCO
22 Professional Military Education Ribbon, the Air Force Good

1 Conduct Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, and the Global War
2 on Terrorism Service Medal; he was named Airman of the Year in
3 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Casey Kohlmeier worked for the Pontiac Police
5 Department K9-Unit since January 2007; he received his training
6 certificate as a detective on the Livingston County Proactive
7 Unit; his K-9 patrol partner, Draco, who was his beloved
8 sidekick, was with him until the end; and

9 WHEREAS, Casey Kohlmeier was a board member of the Boys and
10 Girls Clubs of Livingston County and the Illinois Police
11 Benevolent and Protective Association; he was a member of
12 Saunemin Methodist Church; he earned his pilots license in the
13 past year; and

14 WHEREAS, Casey Kohlmeier was preceded in death by his
15 grandmother, Joan Gamble; and

16 WHEREAS, Casey Kohlmeier is survived by his father, Jeff
17 (Tracey) Kohlmeier; his mother, Keri (Donny) Schmidt; his
18 step-father, Kyle Kociss; his maternal grandparents, Jim and
19 Kay Horrie; Lynne and James Kociss, Larry and Linda Schmidt,
20 and Ina Tjelle; his paternal grandparents, Eldon "Bud" and
21 Karen Kohlmeier, and Alvin Gamble; his girlfriend, Leslie
22 Alappattu; his brothers, Zach Kohlmeier and Jordan Kociss; and

1 his sisters, Lauren Kohlmeier and Ryli Schmidt; therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of Interstate
6 55 from Exit 197 near Pontiac to Exit 202 as the Officer Casey
7 J. Kohlmeier Memorial Highway; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
9 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
10 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
11 giving notice of the name; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Casey Kohlmeier, the Pontiac Police
14 Department, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
15 Transportation.