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1 SENATE 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 take part in truly heroic tasks;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Gary "Randy" Scott was born on January 17, 1961  
8 and grew up in Rankin; and

9 WHEREAS, Gary Scott joined the United States Marine Corps  
10 on February 22, 1980; he served as part of the Multinational  
11 Peacekeeping Force as a member of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine  
12 Regiment Landing Team - BLT 1/8 of the 24th Marine Amphibious  
13 Unit as a combat engineer; and

14 WHEREAS, On October 23, 1983, Gary Scott was serving as a  
15 corporal when a truck laden with the equivalent of over 12,000  
16 pounds of TNT crashed through the perimeter of the compound of  
17 the United States contingent of the Multinational Force at  
18 Beirut International Airport in Lebanon, penetrated the  
19 Battalion Landing Team Headquarters building, and detonated;  
20 the force of the explosion destroyed the building, resulting in  
21 the deaths of 241 United States military personnel: 200  
22 Marines, 18 sailors, and 3 soldiers; this incident was the

1 deadliest single-day death toll for the United States Marine  
2 Corps since the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

3 WHEREAS, Following his courageous service, Gary Scott was  
4 posthumously promoted to the rank of sergeant; and

5 WHEREAS, There is a section of highway on Illinois Route 49  
6 from Illinois Route 9 in Rankin which extends to the southern  
7 edge of Cissna Park; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Illinois  
11 Route 49 from Illinois Route 9 in Rankin to the southern edge  
12 of Cissna Park as the "Sgt. Gary "Randy" Scott Memorial  
13 Highway"; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
15 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with  
16 State and federal regulations, an appropriate plaque or signs  
17 giving notice of the name of the Sgt. Gary "Randy" Scott  
18 Memorial Highway; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Gary "Randy" Scott, the Fallen  
21 Heroes Veterans Club, the Village of Rankin, the Village of

1 Cissna Park, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
2 Transportation.