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1 HOUSE 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, Dick Rawlings was born in Franklin on January 25,
6 1941; he graduated from Franklin High School in 1959; he served
7 in the United States Army until his honorable discharge in
8 October of 1969 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil
9 Engineering from Bradley University in 1971; and

10 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings returned to Morgan County and
11 selflessly dedicated his time and unique talents to better his
12 community, a place that loved him as much as he loved it; and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings worked as a civil engineer and land
14 surveyor for over 35 years and excelled as a leader in his
15 field; he served as President of the Illinois Professional Land
16 Surveyors Association and received the association's A. "Pat"
17 Patterson Illinois Land Surveyor of the Year Award in 1999; he
18 retired in 2002 as an owner and partner of Benton and
19 Associates, a Jacksonville-based engineering firm; and

20 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was also prominent in Morgan County
21 for his unmatched dedication to volunteer work; and

1 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings served as chairman of Corridor 67
2 Inc., a group that successfully expanded Route 67 under his
3 leadership; his distinctive combination of his knowledge in
4 civil engineering and passion for the betterment of his
5 community enabled him to envision and implement this project,
6 and many others, to an outstanding degree; and

7 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was elected to 2 terms as Morgan
8 County Commissioner in 2006 and 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was a longtime member of the
10 Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, where he received the
11 Circle of Excellence Award after volunteering countless hours;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was actively involved on the board
14 of directors for the Jacksonville Regional Economic
15 Development Corporation, the Passavant Hospital Foundation,
16 the Governor Duncan Association, the FBI National Citizens
17 Academy Alumni Association, and the West Central Development
18 Council; and

19 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was a member of the Meredosia and
20 Florence Bridge Replacement Citizens Advisory Committees, the
21 American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, the Elks

1 Lodge, the Moose Lodge, Rotary International, the Fraternal
2 Order of Eagles, Harmony Masonic Lodge 3 - Ancient Free and
3 Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite-Valley of Springfield, the
4 Ansar Shrine, the Rasna Shrine Club, and ROJ Court 20; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings provided graveside military honors
6 to his fallen comrades as a member of the Combined Veterans
7 Ceremonial Team, a group proud to honor the fallen who have
8 helped the living; and

9 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings loved reveling in the tranquility of
10 the outdoors; he frequented his houseboat at the Alton Marina
11 with his family and friends; he enjoyed deepsea fishing and
12 hunting; he loved the beauty of the Mississippi River and its
13 long history; however, he cherished his family most of all; and

14 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was preceded in death by his
15 parents, Herman Stanley "Bill" and Mona (nee Mitchell)
16 Rawlings; his brother, William "Bill" Rawlings; and his
17 sister-in-law, Sherry Peck Rawlings; and

18 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings is survived by his wife of 38 years,
19 Diane Johnson; his 2 children, Monica (Christopher Ryan)
20 Carroll and Michael (Holly) Rawlings; his 3 grandchildren,
21 Jackson and Elaine Carroll and Nathanyle Loy; his sister,
22 Marilyn (Darrell) Smith; his brother, Robert "Bob" Rawlings;

1 and several nieces and nephews; and

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to individuals who dedicated
4 their lives in the service of the State of Illinois; therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of U.S.
9 Route 67 between Liberty Road and Interstate 72 near
10 Jacksonville as the "Dick Rawlings Memorial Highway"; and be it
11 further

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

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Dick Rawlings, the Mayor of
19 Jacksonville, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
20 Transportation.