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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Officer
4 Francis Scot Fitzgerald who passed away on March 5, 2016, at
5 the age of 32; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald was born in Springfield on
7 November 29, 1983; he was the son of Clarence Francis and Becky
8 Fitzgerald, and brother of Cody Fitzgerald; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald married Danielle Lee Suttles
10 of Murrayville on May 27, 2006 and they had two children,
11 Colton Francis and Fynlee Elizabeth; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald was a member of the Murrayville
13 United Methodist Church; he devoted his life to public service
14 as an officer with the South Jacksonville Police Department,
15 past Scott County Sheriff's Deputy, with the Winchester and
16 Bluffs police offices, and as an EMT for the
17 Murrayville-Woodson EAS and Winchester EMS; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald served as a volunteer
19 firefighter for the Murrayville Fire District, a member of the
20 Morgan County 911 Board, and had been recently selected as a
21 member of the Special Response Team in Morgan County; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald loved being a police officer,
2 firefighter, and EMT, but above all else, he was a loving
3 husband, father, son, and brother; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald was said to be not only a
5 friend, but an "awesome family man", and someone who was
6 willing to do anything for anybody and could be counted on in
7 any situation; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald saved a woman's life when she
9 was mauled by a dog because he knew the right medical
10 procedures, and he professionally performed his sworn duty to
11 protect and serve; and

12 WHEREAS, The community mourns the loss of a close friend,
13 family member, and community hero; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald was preceded in death by his
15 two grandfathers, Clarence Fitzgerald, Jr. and Clark Hye
16 Leesman; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Fitzgerald is survived by his wife,
18 Danielle; his children, Colton Francis and Fynlee Elizabeth;
19 his parents, Francis and Becky Fitzgerald; his brother, Cody
20 Fitzgerald; his grandparents, Mary Lou Fitzgerald and

1 Elizabeth Ann Leesman; and his father and mother-in-law,
2 William and Darlene Suttles; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
6 Illinois Route 267 as it runs between Interstate 72 and
7 Nortonville Road as the "Officer Scot Fitzgerald Memorial
8 Highway"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
10 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
11 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
12 giving notice of the name "Officer Scot Fitzgerald Memorial
13 Highway"; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Officer Fitzgerald, Secretary of the
16 Department of Transportation Randall S. Blankenhorn, South
17 Jacksonville Mayor Steven L. Waltrip, and the South
18 Jacksonville Police Department.