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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 individuals who gave their
4 lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, On October 28, 2007, at approximately 2:49 a.m.,
6 Illinois State Trooper Brian Carl McMillen, while responding to
7 a request by a local officer for assistance, was involved in a
8 fatal traffic crash with 2 additional vehicles on Dye Road in
9 eastern Sangamon County; and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper McMillen grew up in Pana; he enlisted in
11 the Illinois Air National Guard in 2000 and was a proud member
12 serving as a Tech Sergeant with the 183rd Security Forces
13 Squadron Fighter Wing; during his tenure, he served 3 separate
14 overseas deployments; he served in Saudi Arabia in 2002 as part
15 of Operation South Watch, in Romania in 2003 as part of
16 Operation Iraqi Freedom, and in Italy in 2005; he received his
17 bachelor degree in criminal justice in 2005 from the University
18 of Illinois-Springfield; and

19 WHEREAS, Trooper McMillen graduated from Illinois State
20 Police Cadet Class #113, for which he served as president, on
21 February 2, 2007; and

1 WHEREAS, Every May, the Lincoln Land Community College
2 (LLCC) Veterans Club hosts a Memorial Run/Walk to fund the LLCC
3 Brian McMillen Veterans Scholarship to honor Trooper
4 McMillen's legacy and to provide financial support to veterans
5 attending LLCC; and

6 WHEREAS, Trooper McMillen is survived by his wife; his
7 parents; and his 10 siblings; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Interstate 72, Exit
11 122 overpass as the "Trooper Brian McMillen Memorial Overpass";
12 and be it further

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

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Trooper McMillen and the Secretary
20 of the Illinois Department of Transportation.