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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 the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois State Trooper Bernard Delano "Bernie"
6 Skeeters's last watch occurred on May 20, 1982 when his patrol
7 car was struck from behind by a tractor trailer on Interstate
8 55 near Williamsville; and

9 WHEREAS, Trooper Skeeters was working a safety detail
10 patrolling on southbound Interstate 55 behind a paint truck
11 when a semi-trailer slammed into his squad car from behind
12 forcing his car into the paint truck in front of him; the
13 3-vehicle accident instantly killed Trooper Skeeters; and

14 WHEREAS, Trooper Skeeters became an Illinois State Troper
15 on March 9, 1970 and served for 12 years; he was assigned to
16 District 9 in Springfield; he was the youngest of 15 children
17 to Joseph Edward and Grace Rosalie (nee Whitcomb) Skeeters; he
18 was survived by his wife, Marie, and their 3 sons, Tom, Ron,
19 and the late Andy; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Stuttle Road overpass
2 over Interstate 55 in Williamsville as the "Trooper Bernard D.
3 Skeeters Memorial Overpass"; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
5 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
6 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
7 giving notice of the name "Trooper Bernard D. Skeeters Memorial
8 Overpass"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Trooper Skeeters and the Secretary
11 of the Illinois Department of Transportation.