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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 families of those who  
4 have perished overseas while serving our country; and

5 WHEREAS, The Gold Star is awarded by the United States  
6 Department of Defense to the immediate family of a fallen  
7 service member; the Gold Star has appeared on flags dating as  
8 far back as World War I, which families would hang in their  
9 windows to indicate that a loved one had been killed overseas;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The United States began observing Gold Star  
12 Mothers Day on the last Sunday of September in 1936; the Gold  
13 Star Wives was formed prior to the end of World War II; the  
14 Gold Star Lapel Button was established in August of 1947; and

15 WHEREAS, The nation recognizes the sacrifice that Gold Star  
16 family members make when a loved one dies in service to the  
17 nation; and

18 WHEREAS, The strength of the United States Army is its  
19 soldiers and the strength of the soldiers are their families;  
20 the Army recognizes that no one has given more for the nation  
21 than the families of the fallen; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of Route 6 as  
4 it passes through the Peoria city limits as the "Gold Star  
5 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
7 is requested to erect at suitable locations consistent with  
8 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
9 giving notice of the name "Gold Star Families Memorial  
10 Highway"; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
13 Transportation.