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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to truly great individuals who
4 have served our country and, in doing so, have made the
5 ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Jared W. Southworth was born on May
7 28, 1982 in Mattoon, the oldest son of Robert and Kimberly
8 Pierson Southworth; he was raised and educated in Oakland and
9 graduated from Oakland High School in 2000; he later graduated
10 from Lakeland College and Eastern Illinois University, where
11 he was in the ROTC program; and

12 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Southworth married Chrissy Lynn Royer
13 at the Oakland Christian Church on March 24, 2001; and

14 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Southworth was part of the HHC 2/130
15 Infantry Division of the Illinois National Guard and a United
16 States Army Ranger; he lived his life by the motto "God,
17 Family, Country"; he was a member of the Oakland Christian
18 Church, a devoted husband, father, son, and brother, and loved
19 the National Guard, considering it his privilege to serve his
20 country; and

21 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Southworth served the community of

1 Oakland as a part-time police officer and befriended many; he
2 will always be remembered for his abilities on the baseball
3 field and for his general love of life; and

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Southworth was killed while serving
5 his country in Helmand, Afghanistan on February 8, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Southworth was preceded in death by
7 his great-grandmother, Ettoil Coon; his paternal grandfather,
8 William Southworth; and his maternal grandfather, Robert
9 Pierson; and

10 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Lieutenant Southworth
11 was survived by his wife, Chrissy Southworth; his four
12 children, Logan, Owen, Carly, and Ally; his parents, Bob and
13 Kim Southworth; his brother, Michael Southworth and his
14 fiancée, Katie O'Connor; his sister, Nikki Bancroft and her
15 husband, Brian; his nephew, Preston Bancroft; his paternal
16 grandmother, Karen Watson; and his maternal grandparents, Gene
17 and Joan Hartke; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
21 Illinois 133 in Oakland as the "Lieutenant Jared W. Southworth
22 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Lieutenant Southworth, the Mayor of
3 Oakland, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
4 Transportation.