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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 those who have served our  
4 country and, in doing so, have made the ultimate sacrifice for  
5 our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Robert Dale Herreid served as a  
7 Specialist 5 in the U.S. Army with Detachment A-402P, Company  
8 D, 5th Special Forces Group and was an advisor operating with a  
9 mobile strike force company; and

10 WHEREAS, On October 10, 1968, SSG Herreid's company was  
11 ambushed by a large enemy force in the Co To Mountain area,  
12 Chau Doc Province, South Vietnam; the company was forced to  
13 fall back after suffering casualties, and the area was then  
14 subjected to heavy artillery bombardment in subsequent  
15 battles; and

16 WHEREAS, SSG Herreid was hit and killed during the ensuing  
17 fire fight, and his unit could not evacuate his body as they  
18 fell back; later searches of the battle area failed to locate  
19 his remains; and

20 WHEREAS, Following the incident, the Army promoted SSG  
21 Herreid to the rank of Staff Sergeant; he is memorialized on

1 the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of  
2 the Pacific; his name is also inscribed along with all his  
3 fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in  
4 Washington, DC; and

5 WHEREAS, SSG Herreid was awarded the Purple Heart, the  
6 National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal,  
7 the Vietnam Service Medal, the Army Presidential Unit  
8 Citation, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Army Good  
9 Conduct Medal; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Route 31 in  
13 Batavia from Main Street south to Mooseheart Road as the "SSG  
14 Robert D. Herreid Memorial Highway"; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
16 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with  
17 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
18 giving notice of the name "SSG Robert D. Herreid Memorial  
19 Highway"; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of SSG Herreid, Batavia Mayor Jeff  
22 Schielke, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of

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