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2        Department of Transportation to rename the portion of U.S. 12  
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4        Marshal James R. Kautz Memorial Highway".

5        *Whereas, James Rodger Kautz was born on September 28,  
6        1942;*

7        *Whereas, James was a veteran of the Vietnam War, having  
8        served in the United States Army and been awarded three  
9        Bronze Star Medals;*

10       *Whereas, Following his years of service in the Army, James  
11       decided to serve the town of Long Beach, Indiana, as the Chief  
12       Marshal beginning in 1977;*

13       *Whereas, On November 4, 1997, Chief Marshal Kautz was  
14       on duty at the scene of a three-vehicle traffic accident on U.S.  
15       12, east of State Road 212, when he was struck;*

16       *Whereas, Chief Marshal Kautz was taken to St. Anthony  
17       Hospital before being airlifted to Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn,  
18       Illinois, where he later passed on December 4, 1997;*

19       *Whereas, Chief Marshal Kautz is survived by his wife,  
20       Cindy; and*

21       *Whereas, In honor of Chief Marshal Kautz's honorable  
22       dedication to public service and his ultimate sacrifice, it is  
23       fitting that the portion of U.S. 12 from the Michigan border to*

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1       *the Illinois border be renamed the "Chief Marshal James R.*  
2       *Kautz Memorial Highway": Therefore,*

3       *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
4       *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*  
5       *concurring:*

6       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the  
7       Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the portion of  
8       U.S. 12 between the borders of Michigan and Illinois the "Chief  
9       Marshal James R. Kautz Memorial Highway".

10      SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
11      to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the  
12      Indiana Department of Transportation.

