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2 Department of Transportation to rename a section of SR 114 the
3 "Captain Matthew Tomkiewicz Memorial Mile".

4 *Whereas, Captain Matthew Tomkiewicz was born June 20,*
5 *1994, to Tracy and Lisa Tomkiewicz;*

6 *Whereas, Captain Tomkiewicz was a 2012 graduate of*
7 *Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana;*

8 *Whereas, Following graduation, he continued studies at*
9 *Purdue University, where he was involved with the Alpha Tau*
10 *Omega fraternity, and graduated in 2016 with a degree in*
11 *Aviation from Purdue Polytechnic Institute;*

12 *Whereas, In 2015, Captain Tomkiewicz joined the Marine*
13 *Corps and began flight school in Pensacola, Florida, where he*
14 *flew the T-6B, then moved to Milton, Florida, and flew the TH-*
15 *57B/C, then moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, to fly the T-44C,*
16 *where he was officially designated as a Naval Aviator in May*
17 *of 2019 and was selected to begin the MV-22B pipeline;*

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19 *Whereas, Following his winging, he checked into VMMT-*
20 *204 for initial Osprey training in Jacksonville, North Carolina,*
21 *where he simultaneously attended and graduated from Survival,*
22 *Evasion, Resistance, and Escape school;*

23 *Whereas, Then Lieutenant Tomkiewicz was promoted to*
24 *Captain in November of 2020;*



1 *Whereas, In March of 2021, Captain Tomkiewicz deployed*
2 *to Moron, Spain, in support of the North Africa Response Force*
3 *21.2, then returned to Yuma, Arizona, to be a tactical support*
4 *co-pilot for the WTI 22.1 class;*

5 *Whereas, Captain Tomkiewicz became an Aircraft*
6 *Commander for the MV-22B Osprey pilot with the Marine*
7 *Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 261, Marine Aircraft Group 26,*
8 *2nd Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Air*
9 *Station New River, North Carolina, and then deployed to*
10 *Norway in support of NATO Cold Response training;*

11 *Whereas, During his military career, Captain Tomkiewicz*
12 *received a number of awards and decorations, including the*
13 *Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense*
14 *Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea*
15 *Service Deployment Ribbon, and Navy Arctic Service Ribbon;*

16 *Whereas, On March 18, 2022, Captain Tomkiewicz and*
17 *three other Marines assigned to the Marine Medium Tiltrotor*
18 *Squadron 261 perished when their Osprey crashed in*
19 *mountainous and tough weather conditions in Norway near the*
20 *Arctic Circle during the biennial NATO Cold Response war*
21 *games exercise;*

22 *Whereas, Captain Tomkiewicz and his fellow Marine*
23 *crewmates gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation*
24 *and its allies to defend, maintain, and promote democratic*
25 *freedom throughout the world; and*

26 *Whereas, Captain Matthew Tomkiewicz is survived by his*
27 *wife Lauren, his parents Tracy and Lisa, his brother Michael,*
28 *his sister Emily, and his beloved golden doodle Kevin Bacon:*
29 *Therefore,*

30 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
31 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
32 *concurring:*

33 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the



1 Indiana Department of Transportation to rename a section of
2 State Road 114 along the Whitley-Huntington County line,
3 beginning at the intersection of State Road 114 and County
4 Road N 400 E, and ending one mile east where State Road 114
5 intersects with County Road N 500 E, the "Captain Matthew
6 Tomkiewicz Memorial Mile".

7 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
8 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the family of Captain
9 Matthew Tomkiewicz and the Commissioner of the Indiana
10 Department of Transportation.

