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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37
2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 2)

3 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
4 Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals
5 who have served their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Roger E. Walker Jr. was born on February 7, 1949;
7 he attended Eisenhower High School and served in the United
8 States Navy from 1967 to 1969; he graduated from Richland
9 Community College; and

10 WHEREAS, Roger Walker joined the Macon County Sheriff's
11 Office in 1972; he climbed the ranks to patrol sergeant,
12 detective, and lieutenant; he loved children and would hand out
13 licorice to children while patrolling the Longview Housing
14 Project; and

15 WHEREAS, Roger Walker was elected Macon County Sheriff in
16 1998, becoming the first African American sheriff in the State
17 of Illinois; he was re-elected in 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, Roger Walker was appointed Director of the
19 Department of Corrections in 2003 and served for six years; and

20 WHEREAS, Roger Walker was appointed to the Prisoner Review

1 Board in 2009 and served until 2010; and

2 WHEREAS, Roger Walker passed away on March 10, 2012;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Route 48 as it travels
7 between Elwin Road and East Mound Road as the "Sheriff Roger E.
8 Walker Jr. Memorial Road"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
10 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
11 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
12 giving notice of the name "Sheriff Roger E. Walker Jr. Memorial
13 Road"; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Roger Walker, the Mayor of Decatur,
16 and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.