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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, James L. Easterly's accomplishments have made a  
3 lasting impression upon the Illinois Department of  
4 Transportation (IDOT) and the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, James Easterly received a bachelor's degree in  
6 Civil Engineering from Bradley University in 1969 and a  
7 master's degree in Public Administration from the University  
8 of Illinois in 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, James Easterly began working for IDOT after high  
10 school and continued until his retirement in May 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, During his time with IDOT, James Easterly served  
12 in a variety of capacities, including as resident engineer,  
13 statewide construction engineer, and district engineer in  
14 Springfield and Collinsville, and culminated his career as  
15 IDOT Director of Highways; and

16 WHEREAS, James Easterly was a mentor and friend to all; he  
17 was an outstanding engineer who dedicated his career to public  
18 service and to building a better Illinois; he gave generously  
19 of himself, providing leadership, engineering excellence, and  
20 guidance to IDOT; he left a lasting legacy of safety and  
21 improvements to the transportation system in Illinois that

1 will stand the test of time and benefit future generations for  
2 years to come; and

3 WHEREAS, James Easterly was well respected by those within  
4 IDOT and the private sector for the example he set, the  
5 fairness he displayed, and the leadership he provided; one of  
6 his greatest gifts to his staff, future generations of IDOT  
7 employees, and to the public was his ability to value and build  
8 partnerships that found common ground within the communities  
9 and the State of Illinois; he helped IDOT become one of the  
10 best and most respected departments of transportation in the  
11 country; and

12 WHEREAS, James Easterly and his achievements at IDOT  
13 deserve recognition by the citizens of Illinois; therefore, be  
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
17 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Illinois  
18 Department of Transportation, District 6 Headquarters in  
19 Springfield, as the "James L. Easterly Building"; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
22 presented to Mrs. James L. Easterly, Governor JB Pritzker, the

1 Secretary of State, and the Director of Central Management  
2 Services.