

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House were saddened to learn  
3 of the death of Mayor Ken Hayes of Bradley; and

4 WHEREAS, He was elected mayor in 1981 and was re-elected  
5 in 1985, 1989, 1993, and 1997; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born in Limestone Township on August 30,  
7 1924, the son of Patrick and Catherine Hayes; the family  
8 moved to Bradley when he was three months old, and until his  
9 death he lived in the house that his father bought; and

10 WHEREAS, He attended St. Joseph's Grammar School and  
11 Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School; he served in the  
12 United States Army's 83rd Division, 331st Infantry, Company L  
13 during World War II; he won the Silver Star, the Bronze Star  
14 with clusters for meritorious service, a Good Conduct medal,  
15 the European Theatre of Operations medal for five campaigns,  
16 and the Croix de Guerre for service to France; and

17 WHEREAS, When he returned from war, Ken Hayes became a  
18 precinct captain and then a committeeman; he was elected  
19 vice-chairman of the Democratic Central Committee in Kankakee  
20 County in 1966 and served in that role until 1972, when he  
21 was elected central committee chairman; and

22 WHEREAS, When he arrived home from the Army, he worked in  
23 the pipefitter's union local until he had a heart attack in  
24 1963, which led him to quit his trade; he went to work  
25 inspecting seed for the Illinois Department of Agriculture  
26 and later worked for then Secretary of State Alan Dixon; and

27 WHEREAS, He went to work for the Illinois Secretary of  
28 State and retired with a disability pension after a heart  
29 bypass operation in 1978; and

30 WHEREAS, He was the founder of the Area Jobs Development

1 Association, active in scouting, golfing, the Bradley Lions,  
2 and a life member of the Bradley VFW; and

3 WHEREAS, Under Mayor Hayes' strong leadership, the  
4 Village of Bradley experienced unprecedented commercial and  
5 retail growth amounting to large increases in sales tax  
6 revenue to Bradley; and

7 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose  
8 Lodge of Bradley, one of the vice presidents of the Illinois  
9 Municipal League, and a member of the Mayors Association; and

10 WHEREAS, Much of the commercial growth and development  
11 that Kenneth P. Hayes worked for occurred along Illinois  
12 Route 50; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that Illinois Route 50 in Bradley,  
16 Illinois, from North Street to Larry Power Road, is  
17 designated as the Kenneth P. Hayes Memorial Highway; and be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
20 is directed to erect, at suitable locations consistent with  
21 State regulations, appropriate plaques or signage giving  
22 notice of the renaming of Illinois Route 50 in Bradley,  
23 Illinois, from North Street to Larry Power Road, as the  
24 Kenneth P. Hayes Memorial Highway; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
26 presented to Mrs. Rose Hayes, to the Village of Bradley, and  
27 to the Illinois Department of Transportation.