

1                   AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

2           AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Joint Resolution 7, AS  
3 AMENDED, by replacing everything after the title with the  
4 following:

5           "WHEREAS, Throughout history brave Americans have shed  
6 their blood during wars and conflicts to preserve, protect,  
7 and defend the foundation of the principles of democracy and  
8 freedom; and

9           WHEREAS, Many of those that have served have been the  
10 brave men and women of the State of Illinois; and

11           WHEREAS, In every military conflict and national time of  
12 need since 1818, the brave men and women of the State of  
13 Illinois have risen to the cause of defending democracy; and

14           WHEREAS, These brave men and women often left behind  
15 family, friends, farms, and businesses, and many of them were  
16 never to return, making the ultimate sacrifice for their  
17 country; and

18           WHEREAS, With the signing of the Armistice ending the  
19 "War to End All Wars", WWI, on November 11, 1918, the  
20 veterans of Illinois were given a holiday of solemn  
21 remembrance and thanks from their countrymen, which later

1 came to be known as Veterans Day; and

2 WHEREAS, The people of the great State of Illinois wish  
3 to thank those numerous veterans for their sacrifices and  
4 service; and

5 WHEREAS, On August 7, 1782, General George Washington  
6 established the Military Badge of Merit, which on February  
7 22, 1932 became the Purple Heart medal, now the oldest  
8 military decoration in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart medal is awarded to military  
10 personnel who are killed or wounded in action against the  
11 enemy; and

12 WHEREAS, The General Assembly seeks to commemorate  
13 Illinois residents who have been awarded the Purple Heart by  
14 requesting the Illinois Department of Transportation to place  
15 signs in the appropriate locations to identify the Purple  
16 Heart Memorial Highway; and

17 WHEREAS, E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi was first elected to the  
18 House of Representatives in 1964, and he served in that  
19 position until his passing in 1993; and

20 WHEREAS, From his first term through his service as "Dean  
21 of the House", Zeke Giorgi served the people of this State  
22 with great distinction, and he is remembered by his  
23 colleagues on both sides of the aisle for providing  
24 invaluable guidance and leadership on many important issues;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, During all the years that Zeke Giorgi served in  
27 the House, he drove between Springfield and his Rockford  
28 legislative district on U.S. Highway 51 and was a strong  
29 advocate for Route 51 improvements, which were completed in  
30 several stages; and

1           WHEREAS, Following the completion of improvements to U.S.  
2     Route 51, the highway was designated as Interstate Highway  
3     39; and

4           WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 39 provides an essential  
5     transportation corridor between Rockford and Bloomington and  
6     other parts of Central Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, We wish to permanently commemorate Zeke Giorgi's  
8     essential role in creating this critically needed highway and  
9     his abiding impact on the lives of the people of Illinois;  
10    and

11          WHEREAS, Thomas William Davenport was a licensed civil  
12     engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation; on  
13     April 16, 1992, he was killed by a drunk driver north of his  
14     home in Chatham, Illinois; and

15          WHEREAS, Thomas Davenport was a son, brother, husband,  
16     and father; and

17          WHEREAS, Thomas Davenport, working with the Illinois  
18     Department of Transportation, assisted with the building of  
19     the bridge on South Chatham Road that crosses Interstate 72  
20     and Illinois Route 36; and

21          WHEREAS, The bridge is located on South Chatham Road in  
22     Springfield, Illinois, and is used as an overpass for  
23     Interstate 72 and Illinois Route 36; and

24          WHEREAS, The General Assembly seeks to remember Thomas  
25     William Davenport by requesting the Illinois Department of  
26     Transportation to place signs in the appropriate locations to  
27     identify the Thomas William Davneport Memorial Bridge; and

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

30          WHEREAS, He was elected mayor in 1981 and was re-elected

1 in 1985, 1989, 1993, and 1997; and

2 WHEREAS, He was born in Limestone Township on August 30,  
3 1924, the son of Patrick and Catherine Hayes; the family  
4 moved to Bradley when he was three months old, and until his  
5 death he lived in the house that his father bought; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, When he arrived home from the Army, he worked in  
19 the pipefitter's union local until he had a heart attack in  
20 1963, which led him to quit his trade; he went to work  
21 inspecting seed for the Illinois Department of Agriculture;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, He later went to work for the Illinois Secretary  
24 of State and retired with a disability pension after a heart  
25 bypass operation in 1978; and

26 WHEREAS, He was the founder of the Area Jobs Development  
27 Association; was active in scouting, golfing, and the Bradley  
28 Lions; and was a life member of the Bradley V.F.W.; and

29 WHEREAS, Under Mayor Hayes' strong leadership, the  
30 Village of Bradley experienced unprecedented commercial and  
31 retail growth, producing large increases in sales tax revenue

1 for Bradley; and

2 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose  
3 Lodge of Bradley, one of the vice presidents of the Illinois  
4 Municipal League, and a member of the Mayors Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Much of the commercial growth and development  
6 that Kenneth P. Hayes worked for occurred along Illinois  
7 Route 50; and

8 WHEREAS, The General Assembly seeks to remember the loss  
9 of Kenneth P. Hayes by requesting the Illinois Department of  
10 transportation to place signs in the appropriate locations  
11 identifying the Kenneth P. Hayes Memorial Highway; and

12 WHEREAS, The Korean War has played an important part in  
13 American history, and the veterans of the Korean War have  
14 earned the respect and admiration of all people; and

15 WHEREAS, An armed conflict began in June of 1950 and  
16 ended in July of 1953; it exacted a heavy toll: 33,629  
17 Americans were killed in action and 20,617 died of injuries  
18 or disease; and

19 WHEREAS, The Korean War began when the United Nations  
20 urged UN members to repel the Communist aggressors in Korea;  
21 in July of 1950 the UN Security Council recommended that  
22 member nations contributing to the defense of South Korea  
23 make their troops available to a unified command headed by  
24 the United States; and

25 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for us to remember the many  
26 sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by  
27 the outstanding men and women who served in the Korean War;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, There are bridges on Illinois Route 51 in  
30 Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, known as Route 51 Bridge

1 Number 058-0010 Northbound and Bridge Number 058-0049  
2 Southbound; and

3 WHEREAS, The General Assembly seeks to commemorate the  
4 contributions of Korean War Veterans by requesting the  
5 Illinois Department of Transportation to place signs in the  
6 appropriate locations identifying the Korean War Veterans  
7 Memorial Bridge; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6,  
9 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, the son of Nellie and John  
10 Reagan; and

11 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family in 1915 moved to  
12 Galesburg, Illinois, and he began his formal education at  
13 Silas Willard School; and

14 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family then moved to  
15 Monmouth, Illinois, and resided in that fair community during  
16 his formative years from 1917-1919, and where he attended  
17 Monmouth Central School; and

18 WHEREAS, When Ronald Reagan was 9 years of age, the  
19 family settled in Dixon, Illinois, where at Dixon High School  
20 he played football and basketball, ran track, served as  
21 president of the student body, and first performed as an  
22 actor; and

23 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan graduated from Eureka College in  
24 1932 with a degree in economics and sociology; and

25 WHEREAS, From humble beginnings, Ronald Reagan went on to  
26 become a sportscaster, actor, Governor of California, and  
27 President of the United States; and

28 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was elected President of the  
29 United States in 1980; a favorite of the American populace,  
30 he was elected to a second term in 1984; and

1           WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the  
2 United States, warrants a public tribute as a son of  
3 Illinois; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1999, portions of Illinois Route 172 and 92  
5 from Tampico to Illinois Route 26 and the portions of  
6 Illinois Route 26, Illinois Route 29, and U.S. Route 24 from  
7 Dixon to Eureka were designated as the Ronald Reagan Trail by  
8 Senate Joint Resolution 3; and

9           WHEREAS, The cities of Princeton, Galesburg, and Monmouth  
10 were essential in the upbringing of Ronald Reagan and should  
11 be included in the Ronald Reagan Trail; and

12           WHEREAS, The General Assembly seeks to commemorate the  
13 accomplishments achieved by Ronald Reagan by requesting the  
14 Illinois Department of Transportation to place signs in the  
15 appropriate locations indentifying the Ronald Reagan Trail;  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that Interstate 74, traversing  
20 through the heart of Illinois is designated as the Veterans  
21 Memorial Parkway, in honor of the veterans of the State of  
22 Illinois; and be it further

23           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
24 is requested to erect appropriate plaques along this route in  
25 recognition of the Veterans Memorial Parkway; and be it  
26 further

27           RESOLVED, That Interstate 72, traversing through the  
28 heart of Illinois, be designated as the commemorative Purple  
29 Heart Memorial Highway, to pay tribute to the many thousands  
30 of Illinois residents who have been awarded the Purple Heart  
31 medal; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
2 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
3 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
4 giving notice of the Purple Heart Memorial Highway; and be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That the portion of Interstate Highway 39  
7 commencing at its point of origin in Winnebago County and  
8 ending at its intersection with Interstate Route 88 be  
9 designated the E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi Highway; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
11 is requested to erect appropriate plaques or signs giving  
12 notice of the E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi Highway; and be it further

13          RESOLVED, That the bridge on South Chatham Road, spanning  
14 Interstate 72 and Illinois Route 36, is named the Thomas  
15 William Davenport Memorial Bridge; and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
17 is requested to erect, at a suitable location consistent with  
18 State and federal regulations, an appropriate plaque or signs  
19 giving notice of the Thomas Williams Davenport Memorial  
20 Bridge; and be it further

21          RESOLVED, That Illinois Route 50 in Bradley, Illinois,  
22 from North Street to Larry Power Road, is designated as the  
23 Kenneth P. Hayes Memorial Highway; and be it further

24          RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
25 is requested to erect appropriate signs or plaques giving  
26 notice of the Kenneth P. Hayes Memorial Highway; and be it  
27 further

28          RESOLVED, That in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of  
29 the Korean Conflict, Route 51 Bridge Number 058-0010  
30 Northbound and Bridge Number 058-0049 Southbound be named  
31 Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge; and be it further



1           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
2           is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with  
3           State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
4           giving notice of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge; and  
5           be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Ronald Reagan Trail is extended to  
7           include those portions of U.S. Route 34 from the City of  
8           Princeton, through the City of Galesburg, to the City of  
9           Monmouth; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation,  
11          in accordance with applicable State and federal laws and  
12          rules and in cooperation with units of local government, is  
13          requested to erect appropriate signs, markers, or plaques  
14          along the extended portions of the Ronald Reagan Trail in  
15          recognition of this designation; and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17          presented to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of  
18          Transportation; the Illinois Secretary of Transportation; the  
19          family of E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi; the family of Thomas William  
20          Davenport; and to the family of Mayor Ken Hayes."