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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are pleased to honor individuals whose dedicated service has enriched the lives of residents throughout the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Village of Palos Park has requested that a portion of Southwest Highway, generally located between 12600 and 13100, be designated as "Dave Sanders Way" in recognition of David Sanders and his family's extraordinary and longstanding contributions to the community and the greater Chicagoland region; and

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WHEREAS, For more than 90 years, the Sanders family has served as steward of The Center in Palos Park, a unique and cherished institution founded in 1932 by Reverend Paul T. Sanders and his wife, Elizabeth Sanders, with the vision of creating a place of peace, service, and spiritual connection for all; and

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WHEREAS, Over the decades, The Center has grown into a vital regional resource encompassing approximately 65 acres on both the east and west sides of Southwest Highway, continuing to enrich the lives of individuals and families across generations; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Center's mission is to provide people of all
2 faiths, backgrounds, and ages with the space to dream, grow,
3 and become fully alive physically, mentally, emotionally, and
4 spiritually; and

5 WHEREAS, Under the quiet and dedicated leadership of David
6 Sanders, The Center has remained a place of inclusion, growth,
7 and service, offering a wide range of programs and resources,
8 including a sanctuary for worship, counseling, and reflection
9 through the Wayside Chapel, agricultural education through the
10 Children's Farm, youth camp programs, early childhood
11 education through the Farm and Nature Discovery School, arts
12 programming through the Log Cabin Center for the Arts, and
13 critical social services such as recovery programs, support
14 groups, and pastoral care; and

15 WHEREAS, David Sanders has recently announced his
16 retirement, marking the close of an extraordinary chapter of
17 hands-on leadership and lifelong service; and

18 WHEREAS, David Sanders has touched countless lives through
19 his humility, leadership, and unwavering commitment to helping
20 others, and his influence has extended far beyond the borders
21 of Palos Park to leave a lasting impact throughout the
22 Chicagoland region; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the
4 portion of Southwest Highway between 12600 and 13100 in Palos
5 Park as "Dave Sanders Way"; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
7 is requested to erect and maintain appropriate signs
8 displaying the name "Dave Sanders Way" along this designated
9 portion of Southwest Highway; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to David Sanders and his family, the Mayor of the
12 Village of Palos Park, and the Secretary of the Illinois
13 Department of Transportation.