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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Victor Hugo Rodriguez was born in Nuevo
6 Ideal, Durango, Mexico to Juanita and Emigdio Rodriguez on
7 January 16, 1967; his family moved to the La Villita
8 neighborhood of Chicago when he was a young boy; and

9 WHEREAS, Pastor Rodriguez first met his wife, Magdalena,
10 in January 1990 at Holy Trinity Church in Chicago; they were
11 married for 27 years and were blessed with two sons and a
12 nephew whom they regarded as a son, Víctor, Isaih, and Luis
13 Alberto Perales; and

14 WHEREAS, Pastor Rodriguez was a graduate of Christian Life
15 College in Mount Prospect and was in full-time ministry for 26
16 years; he pastored the local body of La Villita Community
17 Church for the past 20 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Pastor Rodriguez was a bridge builder between the
19 North and South Lawndale communities; he was passionate about
20 developing the next generation of leaders; he worked to
21 address pressing community issues, such as violence

1 prevention, youth development, health and wellness, domestic
2 violence, and the expansion of homeownership as a way to
3 combat gentrification; and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Rodriguez was on the board of directors of
5 various community and religious organizations that included
6 Lawndale Christian Health Center and Un Nuevo Despertar, as
7 well as involvement with Comunidad en Acción; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Rodriguez founded the Chicago Youth Boxing
9 Club in the basement of La Villita Community Church, which has
10 developed young leaders and athletes with a focus on service
11 and leadership and has established a satellite boxing program
12 in Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Rodriguez was affectionately known as
14 "Pastor Vic" and had a wonderful sense of humor; he was a
15 cornerstone of the La Villita community and will be remembered
16 not only for his service to his community but for his devotion
17 to enacting social justice; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the
21 section of Ogden Avenue in Chicago that runs from South
22 Pulaski Road to South Kedzie Avenue as the "Pastor Victor

1 Rodriguez Avenue"; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
3 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
4 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
5 giving notice of the name the "Pastor Victor Rodriguez
6 Avenue"; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Pastor Rodriguez and the Secretary
9 of Transportation.