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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly find
3 it fitting to pay respect and honor to former Head Coach Ron
4 Felling for his commitment to Illinois state sports and his
5 longtime career of teaching athletes; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Felling coached basketball at Lawrenceville
7 High School and Indiana University; he has touched the lives
8 of countless players and continues to do so today; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Felling served as the basketball coach,
10 baseball coach, football assistant coach, and athletic
11 director for Lawrenceville High School; he served as assistant
12 coach for four seasons and as the head coach for basketball for
13 16 seasons; he has one of the best records in the State of
14 Illinois for basketball, coaching to 388 victories against 77
15 losses in 16 years as head coach; he is a four-time Illinois
16 High School Association state championship coach, winning in
17 1972, 1974, 1982, and 1983 and placing 3rd in 1976; he won 12
18 Illinois High School Association regional titles, seven
19 Illinois High School Association sectional championships, and
20 five Illinois High School Association super-sectionals; his
21 1982 and 1983 state championship teams went 68 and 0, a record
22 that still stands; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1982, Coach Felling was recognized by the
2 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and inducted into the
3 Basketball Museum of Illinois; he was named the coach of the
4 year by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and
5 Illinois Coaches Association and is a four-time Southern and
6 Central Illinois coach of the year; he was also selected as one
7 of the 100 Legends in Illinois High School Basketball; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Felling played basketball at Indiana State
9 University in 1961 and was named as Indiana State University's
10 Outstanding Alumnus in 1974; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Felling was hired as assistant coach by Bob
12 Knight at Indiana University in 1985, serving for 14 years;
13 during which time, the team won the 1987 National Collegiate
14 Athletics Association National Championship, finished in two
15 final fours, and won four Big Ten regular-season titles and an
16 Olympic Gold Medal; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Felling's career in coaching spanned nearly
18 40 years; after his retirement, he hosted summer shooting
19 camps for athletes in several states and was asked to speak in
20 several clinics across the country; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Felling lives in Bloomington, Indiana with
22 his wife, Cammy; he has three children, six grandchildren, and

1 three great-grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Coach Felling's former players and companions
3 wish to provide him with this honor; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 1
7 from North 950 Street to the intersection of U.S. Route 50 and
8 Illinois Route 1 as the "Coach Ron Felling Highway"; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
11 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
12 State and federal regulations, appropriate signs giving notice
13 of the name "Coach Ron Felling Highway", along with the years
14 of the state championships, 1972, 1974, 1982, 1983, and the
15 3rd place finish in 1976 noted on all appropriate signage; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to Coach Felling and the Secretary of
19 Transportation.