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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General  
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to truly great individuals; and

4 WHEREAS, General Wladyslaw Anders was born in 1892 in a  
5 small town just west of Warsaw in what would one day become the  
6 country of Poland; he joined the newly formed Polish military  
7 in 1918, attaining the rank of General in 1934; and

8 WHEREAS, At the start of World War II, General Anders  
9 fought with the Polish Army; he was captured by the Soviets and  
10 forced into the USSR Army to fight against the Nazis; he  
11 escaped and formed the Polish 2nd Corps of the Polish Armed  
12 Forces in exile; he fought for the liberation of Italy, leading  
13 the successful campaign to free Monte Cassino in May of 1944;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, After the war, General Anders remained in England  
16 with the Polish Army in exile, advocating for a free and  
17 democratic Poland, which had become a satellite state of the  
18 USSR; and

19 WHEREAS, General Anders passed away in 1970 and his body  
20 lay in state in London; and

1           WHEREAS, General Anders was later laid to rest alongside  
2 the thousands of fallen soldiers from "Anders' Army" at the  
3 Polish War Cemetery in Monte Cassino, Italy; many of those who  
4 fought with him now lie in rest at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles;  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE  
8 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of Milwaukee  
9 Avenue in Niles, as it runs from Main Street to Dempster Street  
10 as "General Wladyslaw Anders Memorial Way"; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
12 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
13 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
14 giving notice of the name "General Wladyslaw Anders Memorial  
15 Way"; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of General Anders, Niles Mayor Andrew  
18 Przybylo, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
19 Transportation.