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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Thomas Cellini, who passed  
4 away on June 9, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Cellini was born on May 30, 1939 in Chicago  
6 Heights; his parents were Paul and Maria Cellini; and

7 WHEREAS, At the age of 16, Thomas Cellini started showing  
8 interest in auto repair, which led him to start a business in  
9 1956; the business was made into a corporation in 1960; he was  
10 also the proprietor for Broadway Auto in South Chicago Heights  
11 from 1970 to 2013 and served his community for many years; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1986, Thomas Cellini started showing signs of  
13 Huntington's disease, a degenerative brain disorder that  
14 causes spontaneous body movements and eventually diminishes  
15 one's ability to walk, talk, think, and reason; in 2005, he and  
16 his wife started The Thomas Cellini Huntington's Foundation to  
17 help those with Huntington's disease and their families; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas Cellini was the loving husband of Barbara  
19 Embry, whom he married on June 23, 1959; the father of five  
20 children; the grandfather of 13; the great-grandfather of two;  
21 and the brother of Paul Cellini, late baby Betty Jean, and baby

1 Tommy Cellini; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
4 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of East End  
5 Avenue between the intersections of 26th Street and East End  
6 Avenue and Sauk Trail and East End Avenue in South Chicago  
7 Heights as "Honorary Thomas Cellini Way"; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
9 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
10 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
11 giving notice of the name of "Honorary Thomas Cellini Way"; and  
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14 delivered to the family of Thomas Cellini and the Secretary of  
15 the Illinois Department of Transportation.