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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly takes pride in recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of State officials and citizens and would like to honor the lasting legacy of Governor Dwight Herbert Green, the thirty-second governor of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Governor Green was born in Ligonier, Indiana on January 9, 1897; he attended Wabash College from 1915 to 1917, but his education was interrupted with the outbreak of World War I; and

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WHEREAS, Governor Green joined the United States Army Air Service and served as a second lieutenant, an army pilot, and a flying instructor; after his military service, he returned to his educational pursuits; he studied at Stanford in 1919 and earned a law degree from the University of Chicago in 1922; and

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WHEREAS, Governor Green entered public service after establishing a successful legal career in Chicago, securing an appointment in 1926 as a special attorney with the Bureau of Internal Review; in 1927, he served as a special assistant to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, where he was also one of the prosecutors in the income tax evasion trial of Al Capone; and

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1 WHEREAS, Governor Green served as Illinois U.S. Attorney
2 from 1932 until 1935; while he was an unsuccessful 1939 Chicago
3 mayoral candidate, he won the 1940 Republican gubernatorial
4 nomination and was sworn into the governor's office on January
5 13, 1941; and

6 WHEREAS, At the end of the same year, Pearl Harbor thrust
7 Governor Green into the job of leading one of the largest U.S.
8 state governments during World War II; he won widespread
9 support during the war and was reelected in 1944 to serve a
10 second full term; and

11 WHEREAS, During his tenure, the Chicago transit system was
12 obtained, the publicly owned-port authority was sanctioned,
13 and veteran programs that focused on rehabilitation,
14 reemployment, and retraining were all advanced; an interracial
15 commission was authorized to look into racism complaints in the
16 employment and housing sectors and legislation was instituted
17 that made the teaching of American history and the ideology of
18 republican government a mandatory requirement in public
19 schools; after running unsuccessfully for a third term, Green
20 left office on January 10, 1949 and retired from politics; and

21 WHEREAS, Governor Green passed away on February 20, 1958
22 and was buried at the Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago; therefore,

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
4 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Illinois State Armory
5 Building in Springfield, Illinois as the Governor Dwight H.
6 Green State Armory Building; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the office of Central Management Services is
8 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State
9 and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving
10 notice of the name "Governor Dwight H. Green State Armory
11 Building"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Governor Green, the Department of
14 Central Management Services, the Illinois State Police, and the
15 Illinois Secretary of State.