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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman (1822-1913) was born into slavery;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman escaped to freedom in the North and
5 subsequently made approximately 13 missions to rescue
6 approximately 70 enslaved people, family and friends, using the
7 network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the
8 Underground Railroad; and

9 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman later helped abolitionist John
10 Brown recruit men for his raid on Harpers Ferry; during the
11 Civil War, she served as an armed scout and spy for the United
12 States Army; and

13 WHEREAS, In her later years, Harriet Tubman was an activist
14 in the struggle for women's suffrage; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
17 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of North
18 Avenue in Chicago from its intersection with Central Avenue to
19 its intersection with Cicero Avenue as the "Harriet Tubman
20 Memorial Avenue"; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the City of Chicago is requested to erect at
2 suitable locations, consistent with State and federal
3 regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the
4 name "Harriet Tubman Memorial Avenue"; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago
7 Department of Transportation.