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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Ken and Jackie Pickerill were united in marriage on August 16, 1953, in DeKalb; the couple spent 48 years together until Jackie's passing in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Pickerill built the first baseball field at what is now Traugber Junior High School in 1956; years later, he funded several projects on the grounds of Oswego High School, including one of his proudest accomplishments, "Jackie's Field of Dreams", after his late wife, which is now home to the Oswego Cats and members of the American Amateur Baseball Congress; and

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WHEREAS, Ken and Jackie Pickerill were both teachers at Oswego High School before opening the Jacqueline Shop in 1957 in downtown Oswego; Jackie left teaching after 1957 to work full-time in the store; and

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WHEREAS, Following his retirement from teaching, Ken Pickerill continued to oversee Oswego athletics as Oswego High School's head baseball, wrestling, and football coach; he coached the Panthers to 3 undefeated seasons in a row between 1958 and 1960; from 1955 to 1969, he served as Oswego High School's Athletic Director; he was inducted into the Oswego High School Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1976 and the Football

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1 Hall of Fame in 2000; and

2 WHEREAS, To honor his years of coaching and support of
3 Oswego athletics, the Oswego High School Football Stadium was
4 named Ken Pickerill Stadium in 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Jackie Pickerill founded the well-known ladies
6 fashion apparel store, Jacqueline Shop of Oswego in 1957; she
7 was one of the founders and a past president of the Oswego
8 Business Association; she was also highly regarded in the
9 women's fashion industry and served as a board member of the
10 Apparel Fashion Center in Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, Ken and Jackie Pickerill both individually and
12 collectively contributed endless leadership, dedication, and
13 support to the Oswego community and beyond; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the active bridge
17 spanning the Fox River on Washington Street and Route 34 in
18 Oswego as the Ken and Jackie Pickerill Commemorative Bridge in
19 honor of their work; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
21 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with

1 State and federal regulations, plaques or signs giving notice
2 of the Ken and Jackie Pickerill Commemorative Bridge; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 presented to the Illinois Secretary of Transportation and the
6 Village of Oswego.