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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is necessary to recognize those who are dedicated to the betterment of the State of Illinois and to the betterment of their communities; and

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WHEREAS, The best means of fostering this commitment is by recognizing the contributions of citizens who have come to serve this State; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry F. Costello was born on September 25, 1949, in East St. Louis; he has served in the United States House of Representatives since August 9, 1988 and will leave Congress on January 2, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure as a congressman and Chairman of the St. Clair County Board, Jerry Costello made it a priority to boost the local economy by building a new transportation and infrastructure network for the region; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Costello served as the senior Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and played an instrumental role in securing substantial federal funding for many infrastructure projects; chief among these projects was a new Mississippi River bridge and the connecting roadways adjacent to it; and

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1           WHEREAS, This new bridge carrying Interstate 70 over the  
2           Mississippi River connecting East St. Louis and downtown St.  
3           Louis, Missouri is currently under construction; and

4           WHEREAS, It is fitting to dedicate the section of the  
5           newly-rerouted Interstate 70 expressway from its connection at  
6           Interstate 64 up to the new Mississippi River bridge in honor  
7           of Congressman Jerry Costello; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
10          SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the new Interstate  
11          70 expressway from its connection to the existing Interstate 64  
12          up to the new Mississippi River Bridge connecting East St.  
13          Louis and downtown St. Louis, Missouri as the US Congressman  
14          Jerry F. Costello Expressway; and be it further

15          RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
16          is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
17          State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
18          giving notice of the name of the US Congressman Jerry F.  
19          Costello Expressway; and be it further

20          RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
21          presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of

1 Transportation and Congressman Jerry F. Costello.