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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish
3 to honor the great work of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King
4 Jr. for his contributions for bringing justice and equality to
5 millions of Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. deserves to be
7 recognized more significantly for his work in urban America;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Many places in Illinois have street signs, public
10 buildings, and statues that honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King
11 Jr. and his work; and

12 WHEREAS, A street in Chicago known as Dr. Martin Luther
13 King Jr. Drive runs from 26th Street in the north to 115th
14 Street in the south; and

15 WHEREAS, The Far Southside communities recognized as
16 Rosemoor and Roseland Heights have, within its boundaries, the
17 only public bridge along the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
18 corridor; and

19 WHEREAS, On August 27, 2011, the public and its elected
20 officials assembled to recognize the importance of this day

1 marking the anniversary of the March on Washington (1963) and
2 the National Democratic Nomination of U.S. Senator Barack Obama
3 for President of the United States (2008); and

4 WHEREAS, In August of 2011, The City of Chicago recognized
5 by letter the significant importance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther
6 King Jr. and supported community recommendations to dedicate
7 the State Bridge located at 99th and 100th Streets and Dr.
8 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive as a Memorial Bridge; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2011, the public raised a significant amount of
10 money to build a statue of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in
11 the Washington Mall; the public also held a historical event on
12 October 16, 2011; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the bridge located at 99th
16 and 100th Streets and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in
17 Rosemoor and Roseland Heights as the "Dr. Martin Luther King
18 Jr. Memorial Bridge"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
20 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
21 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
22 giving notice of the name of the "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

1 Memorial Bridge"; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
4 Transportation and the Chicago City Council.