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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is important to recognize those who contributed to the betterment of the State of Illinois through public service; and

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WHEREAS, It is equally important that we do not forget the contributions these individuals made in improving the State of Illinois and the nation as a whole; and

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WHEREAS, John "Doc" Davidson was born on August 31, 1924, in West Point, Mississippi; he was the son of the late Homer and Anna (Grossboll) Davidson; he married Shirley Beard on August 8, 1953 and is the father of 3 and the grandfather of 6; and

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WHEREAS, John "Doc" Davidson was a chiropractor by trade; he served in the United States Navy during World War II as a tail gunner and served on the USS Ticonderoga; he was a member and past president of the Springfield Jaycees, where he was honored to be one of the Jaycees' 10 Outstanding Young Men of America for 1954-1955; he was a member of the American Chiropractic Association, where he was the first recipient of the National Chiropractor of the Year Award in 1973; he was a member of the Illinois Chiropractic Society, the Masonic Shrine Board, and American Legion Post #32; he was a founding member

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1 of the Prairie State Games and a member of the Governor's
2 Prayer Breakfast Committee; he was also a member of the
3 Sangamon County Board of Supervisors for 13 1/2 years and
4 served as the board's chair for 2 1/2 years; and

5 WHEREAS, John "Doc" Davidson served as an Illinois State
6 Senator from 1973 to 1993, representing the 50th House District
7 covering Sangamon, Christian, and Montgomery Counties; his
8 greatest legislative accomplishment was ensuring that the SIU
9 School of Medicine was to be seated in Springfield, providing
10 world-class care to the City of Springfield and surrounding
11 areas; and

12 WHEREAS, The members of this august body believe it is
13 fitting to honor John "Doc" Davidson by dedicating the section
14 of Illinois Route 97 beginning at the intersection of Veterans
15 Parkway in Springfield and ending at the intersection of County
16 Highway 12 in Menard County as the John "Doc" Davidson Memorial
17 Highway; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
21 Illinois Route 97 beginning at the intersection of Veterans
22 Parkway in Springfield and ending at the intersection of County
23 Highway 12 in Menard County as the John "Doc" Davidson Memorial

1 Highway; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
3 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
4 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
5 giving notice of the name of the John "Doc" Davidson Memorial
6 Highway; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
9 Transportation and the family of John "Doc" Davidson.