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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Formally established by the Governors State University Board of Trustees in 1978, the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park was named for Nathan Manilow, a visionary developer who, along with Carrol Sweet and Philip Klutznick, formed American Community Builders at the conclusion of World War II and planned and built the neighboring Village of Park Forest for returning GIs; and

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WHEREAS, The history of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park predates Governors State University, in that sculptor Mark diSuvero spent the summers of 1968 and 1969 living and building sculptures on the land that was to become the university; and

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WHEREAS, Set within the prairie landscape of Governors State University, the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park serves its constituency with distinctive educational outreach and original programming, encouraging an interdisciplinary understanding of sculpture and art in contemporary life; the Park offers 29 master works of sculpture for public viewing situated within 100-plus acres of prairie landscape on the campus of Governors State University; the permanent collection includes 24 pieces, with 5 additional works on long-term loan from the artists; highlights include several important landscape-based sculptures created by distinguished artists at

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1 the height of their creative powers, a group of works by major
2 late-20th century American sculptors, and a number of works
3 representing Chicago-based artists circa 1973 to 2010;
4 sculptors from France and Mexico are also represented; and

5 WHEREAS, Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is supported by
6 numerous volunteers and donors who believe in its mission and
7 its primary goals of education, acquisition, and conservation;
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9 WHEREAS, Governors State University's Nathan Manilow
10 Sculpture Park provides the Chicagoland region with a premier
11 presentation of large-scale contemporary sculpture; programs
12 and events present the landscape and sculpture in new and
13 unexpected ways that are both educational and inspiring;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
17 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Department of
18 Transportation is requested to erect on Interstate 57 at Sauk
19 Trail Road and the new interchange at Interstate 57 and
20 Interstate 294, consistent with State and federal regulations,
21 appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of Nathan Manilow
22 Sculpture Park; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Illinois Department of Transportation and
3 Governors State University President Elaine Maimon.