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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, William F. "Bill" Dwyer, Jr. was a leader in his community; his positive attitude was reflected in all that he did for McHenry County; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dwyer served on the McHenry County Board for 10 years between 1990 and 2000; during that same period of time, he also served as the Chairman of County Board's Transportation Committee; and

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WHEREAS, As Chairman, Mr. Dwyer provided the necessary leadership to establish and oversee a Transportation Advisory Committee that would comprehensively evaluate the traffic conditions and develop a practical solution that was acceptable to the community for the extreme traffic delays at the intersection of Illinois Route 31 and Illinois Route 62, the most congested intersection in McHenry County; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dwyer led the effort in securing federal funding and support for the Illinois Route 31 Western Bypass project in Algonquin, even providing testimony before the United States House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dwyer was instrumental in forming and leading

1 the McHenry County Better Roads Coalition in 2007 to seek
2 reinstatement of State roadway funding for the Western
3 Algonquin Bypass that had dwindled, and ultimately
4 disappeared, due to the State's financial difficulties; and

5 WHEREAS, Once completed, the Illinois Route 31 Western
6 Bypass will reduce traffic congestion, improve traffic flow,
7 and enhance vehicle and pedestrian safety along the entire
8 transportation corridor and throughout downtown Algonquin;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Illinois Route 31
13 bridge, currently being constructed as part of contract 60F72
14 over Crystal Creek in McHenry County (Structure No. SN
15 056-0077), as the "William "Bill" F. Dwyer Jr. Bridge" in honor
16 of Mr. Dwyer and his work; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
18 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
19 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
20 giving notice of the name of the William "Bill" F. Dwyer Jr.
21 Bridge; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent

1 to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation
2 and the family of Mr. Dwyer.