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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans was born on August 4,
3 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans was a graduate of
5 Alleman High School in Rock Island; he subsequently earned
6 degrees from Augustana College and the Georgetown University
7 Law Center; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans served his country with
9 distinction in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 to
10 1977; during his stint in the military, he was posted in the
11 United States and in Okinawa, Japan; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans served the citizens of
13 the 17th Congressional District with pride as a member of the
14 United States House of Representatives from 1982 to 2006;
15 during his career as a Representative, he became well known by
16 his constituents and peers as a man of the people who cared
17 deeply for the well-being of his fellow veterans; and

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WHEREAS, As a ranking member of the House Committee on
19 Veterans' Affairs, Representative Lane Evans advocated for
20 veterans of the Vietnam War who were exposed to Agent Orange
21 and helped them to receive compensation for their exposure to

1 the chemical agents; he led efforts to increase funding for
2 various veteran assistance programs and was among the first
3 members of Congress to take on issues like post-traumatic
4 stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, which have affected
5 many veterans of the Iraq War; he also championed numerous
6 other initiatives, including legislation to ban landmines and
7 the fight to keep the Rock Island Arsenal open, and was lauded
8 for his votes against the North American Free Trade Agreement,
9 the Gulf War, and the Iraq War; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Lane Evans passed away on November
11 5, 2014; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the new Interstate
15 74 bridge between the Cities of Moline and Bettendorf, Iowa as
16 the Representative Lane Evans Memorial Bridge in recognition of
17 his distinguished career of public service; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
19 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
20 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
21 giving notice of the name of the Representative Lane Evans
22 Memorial Bridge; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Representative Lane Evans, the
3 Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the
4 Mayors of the Cities of Moline and Bettendorf, Iowa.