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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Isiah Lord Thomas, III is a retired American
3 basketball player who played professionally for the Detroit
4 Pistons in the National Basketball Association (NBA); and

5 WHEREAS, Isiah Thomas is a 12-time NBA All-Star, a member
6 of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and was named
7 one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History; and

8 WHEREAS, Isiah Thomas was born and raised in the City of
9 Chicago; he played basketball for St. Joseph's High School and
10 played collegiately for the Indiana Hoosiers; and

11 WHEREAS, Isiah Thomas played with the Detroit Pistons as a
12 point guard from 1981 through 1994 and led the "Bad Boys" to
13 consecutive NBA championships in the 1988-89 and the 1989-90
14 seasons; and

15 WHEREAS, After his NBA career, Isiah Thomas was an
16 executive with the Toronto Raptors, a television commentator,
17 an executive with the Continental Basketball Association, head
18 coach of the Indiana Pacers, and an executive and head coach
19 for the New York Knicks; he later coached the Florida
20 International University Golden Panthers for 3 seasons from
21 2009 to 2012; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Westchester
4 Boulevard from Roosevelt Road to Cermak Road as the "Isiah
5 Thomas Boulevard"; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
7 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
8 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
9 giving notice of the name of the "Isiah Thomas Boulevard"; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
13 Transportation and Isiah Thomas.