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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is necessary to recognize those who are  
3 dedicated to the betterment of the State of Illinois and their  
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert J. "Pud" Williams was born on June 21, 1926  
6 in Centerville, the son of Robert P. and Mamie Olive (nee  
7 Vaught) Williams; he married Dorothy Lee Given on December 27,  
8 1952: he served as Director of Agriculture for the State of  
9 Illinois from 1972 to 1976; and

10 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Director of Agriculture and  
11 Chairman of the White County Board, Robert J. "Pud" Williams  
12 made it a priority to boost the local economy by working for  
13 better infrastructure throughout the area; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert J. "Pud" Williams played an instrumental  
15 role in achieving the new Carmi Airport, an intersection at the  
16 First Baptist Church in Carmi, and the Interstate 64 exit at  
17 mile marker 117; and

18 WHEREAS, It is fitting to dedicate the Burnt Prairie exit  
19 at mile marker 117 on Interstate 64 in honor of Director Robert  
20 J. "Pud" Williams; 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 the Burnt Prairie  
4           interstate exit at mile marker 117 on Interstate 64 as the  
5           "Robert J. "Pud" Williams Memorial Exit"; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
7           is requested to erect at at suitable locations, consistent with  
8           State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
9           giving notice of the name of "Robert J. "Pud" Williams Memorial  
10          Exit"; and 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 the family of Robert J. "Pud" Williams.