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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Clyde Robertson's (1922-2015) service to his  
3 community began in 1941, at the age of 19, as a teacher of  
4 seventh and eighth grades at the Creal Springs School; in 1943,  
5 he was drafted into the United States Army; and

6 WHEREAS, After being discharged at the end of World War II,  
7 Clyde Robertson returned to Creal Springs; he immediately  
8 resumed his community service as the first Commander of the  
9 Veterans of Foreign Wars in Creal Springs, as well as by  
10 teaching night classes to local veterans; and

11 WHEREAS, Clyde Robertson worked as a rural mail carrier for  
12 36 years; he served on the Creal Springs City Council from 1965  
13 to 1969 and later served on the Creal Springs Park Board for  
14 many years, where he excelled in organizing the parade for the  
15 annual festival celebrating the founding of the city; he was  
16 well-known for the "biggest" parade in the area; and

17 WHEREAS, Clyde Robertson never missed a Sunday service at  
18 his beloved Creal Springs Methodist Church, where throughout  
19 the years he served in all positions; if you missed a Sunday  
20 service, he did not fail to call you with a cheerful "Hope to  
21 see you next Sunday" to let you know you were missed; and

1           WHEREAS, Clyde Robertson was a great inspiration to  
2 everyone, especially since he would not let a spinal cord  
3 injury he suffered in January of 1990, which made him spend  
4 most of his time in a wheel chair, prevent him from continuing  
5 his work in the community; and

6           WHEREAS, The Clyde Robertson Community Service Award was  
7 established in 1996 to be given to anyone who could "fill his  
8 shoes" in community service within the City of Creal Springs;  
9 therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of  
13 Illinois Route 166 in Creal Springs that runs from White Street  
14 to Walnut Street as the "Clyde Robertson Memorial Highway"; and  
15 be it further

16           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
17 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
18 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
19 giving notice of the name the "Clyde Robertson Memorial  
20 Highway"; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Clyde Robertson, the Mayor of Creal

1 Springs, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
2 Transportation.