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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Bruce
4 Allen Fasol of West Frankfort, who passed away on January 16,
5 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol was born in Benton on March 11, 1957
7 to Pearl (nee Filkins) and Delio Fasol; and

8 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol served as the voice of the West
9 Frankfort Redbirds in Max Morris Gymnasium for over 40 years,
10 broadcasting more than 4,000 games; he was a member of the
11 Illinois Broadcaster's Association Hall of Fame and recipient
12 of awards such as the Broadcast Achievement Award, the Liberty
13 Bell Award, the Illinois High School Association Distinguished
14 Media Service Award, the Outstanding Club Leadership Award from
15 Key Club International, the Merle-Jones Lifetime Achievement
16 Award, the Tom McKie Achievement Award, and many others; in
17 2000, he was named as the Citizen of the Year for his work in
18 West Frankfort Athletics and his dedication to the community;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol created, led, and assisted with dozens
21 of charity and community programs and organizations; he
22 launched the Emergency Tele-Medicine committee to help bring

1 more advanced medical services to Southern Illinois; he was
2 instrumental in the planning of hundreds of community projects;
3 his most prized project was a coat program started in 2003 with
4 his longtime broadcast partner and best friend, Rick
5 Westermeier; the program collected and housed donated coats all
6 year and made them available free to anyone in need; and

7 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol was affectionately known as "Poppa"
8 and his grandkids, Zakkary and Isabella Chambers and Bre'Anna,
9 were "Poppa's Army"; he had 2 daughters and one son-in-law,
10 Tara Fasol-Chambers and husband, Dave Chambers, and Sara Fasol;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol was preceded in death by his mother,
13 Pearl Fasol; his father, Delio Fasol; his step-mother, Jesse
14 Fasol; and his sister, Carole Hood; and

15 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol is remembered by his brother, Al
16 Fasol, and wife, Beverly, and their children and grandchildren,
17 as well as a cousin, whom he thought of as a little brother,
18 Michael Bret Hood, and his wife, Nancy, and daughter;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 designate the portion of Illinois Route 149 from Monroe Street

1 to McClelland Street in West Frankfort as Bruce Fasol Way; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
4 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
5 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
6 giving notice of the name of Bruce Fasol Way; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Bruce Fasol and the Illinois
9 Department of Transportation.