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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Kiddieland Amusement Park began in 1929 when  
3 Arthur Fritz purchased six ponies and offered rides as an  
4 escape for parents reeling from the Great Depression; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1940, the German Carousel, the Little Auto  
6 Ride, the Roto Whip, and the Ferris Wheel were added; the Roto  
7 Whip and the Ferris Wheel would last until the park's closing;  
8 the park saw its first major expansion in the 1950s with the  
9 addition of the Little Dipper and the Carousel, both of which  
10 lasted until the park's closing; bumper cars were added in the  
11 1960s, replacing the original pony ride; and

12 WHEREAS, The park transferred ownership in 1977 to Arthur  
13 Fritz's grandchildren; the park continued its expansion and  
14 installed several major attractions, including a log flume, a  
15 swinging pirate ship, a 40-foot long water coaster, and  
16 numerous other attractions; and

17 WHEREAS, Kiddieland closed down on September 27, 2009 and  
18 was demolished in 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, Kiddieland provided amusement to those in the  
20 Melrose Park area for 81 years; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE  
3 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate First Avenue in Melrose  
4 Park as it travels from its intersection with North Avenue to  
5 its intersection with River Road as "Kiddieland Amusement Park  
6 Road"; and be it further

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

12           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Arthur Fritz, the Mayor of Melrose  
14 Park, and the Secretary of Transportation.