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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are pleased to honor those who make lasting contributions to this State and its citizens; and

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WHEREAS, Monroe Flinn was born December 17, 1917 in Batesville, Arkansas; his family moved to Cahokia in 1956; as a young child, he was called "Big Boy" by his aunts, uncles, and his grandmother; this nickname eventually evolved into "Biggie", as he was called by his many close friends and relatives; and

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WHEREAS, Monroe Flinn worked with his father as a barrelmaker before joining Granite City Steel, where he worked for 41 years; he later served as a legislator in the Illinois House of Representatives in Springfield from 1971 to 1995, leading the revision to the Illinois Constitution in 1972; during his tenure as State Representative, he was noted for unconditionally helping his colleagues and constituents; he will be remembered fondly as a man of common sense and honesty who earned the respect of his Republican colleagues and fellow Democrats alike; and

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WHEREAS, While serving in the Statehouse, Monroe Flinn served on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; when he

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1 left the House of Representatives on January 10, 1995, he had
2 the longest record of Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
3 service and was its last remaining charter member; in
4 recognition of his years of service on the Joint Committee on
5 Administrative Rules and in tribute to his unparalleled
6 contribution to establishing and advancing rulemaking
7 oversight in Illinois, the weekly publication of the Joint
8 Committee on Administrative Rules was named "The Flinn Report";
9 subscribers and library patrons throughout the State are
10 reminded weekly that Representative Flinn helped shape and
11 promote a system of regulatory review that serves as a model
12 for other States; and

13 WHEREAS, During his 23 years as a legislator, Monroe Flinn
14 served as Democratic Leader from 1975 to 1980 and on numerous
15 committees, including Financial Institutions (chairman),
16 Counties and Townships (co-chairman), and Legislative
17 Information System Committee (co-chairman); and

18 WHEREAS, After his retirement, Monroe Flinn was appointed
19 by the Secretary of State to serve as chairman on the State of
20 Illinois Merit Commission, which he served in until his death;
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22 WHEREAS, Monroe Flinn was active in many civic and
23 charitable organizations over the years; he was a life member

1 of Emeth Lodge 1030 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in
2 Cahokia, a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies
3 of Southern Illinois, a charter member of the Centreville Men's
4 Club, an honorary member of American Legion Post 784 in
5 Cahokia, a member of the Moose Lodge 423 in Cahokia, a member
6 of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, and a member of the
7 Shriners Ainad Temple; and

8 WHEREAS, Monroe Flinn's most treasured possession was his
9 family; he was so proud of his wife, children, grandchildren,
10 great-grandchildren, great-great-grandson, nieces, nephews,
11 sisters, and brothers; and

12 WHEREAS, Monroe Flinn was preceded in death by his parents,
13 Monroe J. and Rue (nee Hanks) Flinn; 2 brothers, Robert and
14 Dale Flinn; and a sister, Ellen (Flinn) Woodland; and

15 WHEREAS, Monroe Flinn was survived by his wife of 65 years,
16 Freda Flinn; a son, Don Flinn; 2 daughters, Carol Flinn (Sam
17 Millatti) and Debbie Flinn (Ron Wilshusen); 9 grandchildren,
18 Lisa (Millatti) Inman, Mike Millatti, Sharon (Flinn) Erschen
19 and her friend, Rob Simons, Kelly Flinn (Gary Simpson), Lori
20 (Flinn) Gallion, Bradley Lobsinger, and Megan, Rebecca, and
21 Ronnie Wilshusen; 8 great-grandchildren, David and Amanda
22 Inman, Anthony Millatti, Rachel and Sarah Erschen, Abby and
23 Aaron Creek, and Jake Simpson; a great-great-grandson, Trenton

1 Inman; 3 sisters, Anna McGinnis, Yvonne Bognar, and Evelyn
2 Brogan; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of
6 Interstate 255 within the city limits of Cahokia as the "Monroe
7 L. Flinn Memorial Highway" in honor of former State
8 Representative Flinn and his accomplishments; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
10 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
11 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
12 giving notice of the name of the Monroe L. Flinn Memorial
13 Highway; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the
16 family of Monroe Flinn.