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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are
3 saddened to learn of the death of Ken Christy, who passed away
4 on March 26, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Ken Christy was born in Chicago on September 18,
6 1944 and grew up in Bellwood; he graduated from Proviso West
7 High School and attended Triton College, DePaul University, and
8 the University of Illinois; he was a resident of Aurora for 39
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Ken Christy worked as a letter carrier in Aurora
11 for 31 years until his retirement in 2011; prior to becoming a
12 letter carrier, he worked in retail management for a national
13 grocery store chain; and

14 WHEREAS, Ken Christy served as president for the local
15 National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 219 in Aurora, a
16 position that he held for 25 years; he continued his work as an
17 advocate for letter carriers as president of the Illinois State
18 Association of Letter Carriers until his passing; and

19 WHEREAS, As president of the National Association of Letter
20 Carriers Branch 219 and the Illinois State Association of
21 Letter Carriers, Ken Christy prioritized the letter carriers'

1 annual food drive "Stamp Out Hunger" and support for the
2 Muscular Dystrophy Association; he was also known for working
3 tirelessly in his lobbying efforts on behalf of the union; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2012, Ken Christy was elected to the Illinois
5 Hall of Fame for Letter Carriers in honor of his work; he was
6 also awarded the Kane County Democrat Harry S. Truman Award in
7 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, Ken Christy is survived by his wife of 52 years,
9 Bonnie; his three daughters; and his five grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly believe that
11 it would be fitting and proper for the United States government
12 to honor the life and work of Ken Christy by renaming the Post
13 Office Building in Aurora after him; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge Congress to pass
17 legislation to rename the Post Office Building in Aurora in
18 honor of Ken Christy and his work in representing National
19 Association of Letter Carriers Branch 219; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional

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