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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago (JSMC)
3 was founded in 1970 and has a membership of approximately 1,900
4 families, the largest membership representation of Jain
5 Centers in North America; and

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WHEREAS, In 1992, JSMC built the first significant Jain
7 Temple in North America in Bartlett in order to provide a
8 temple for religious services and a community center for the
9 social, cultural, and educational needs of the Jain community;
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WHEREAS, The mission of JSMC is to offer a trustworthy and
12 structured ground for projecting a common voice of all Jains,
13 to promote principles of the Jain religion, to provide Jain
14 education to the community, and to celebrate Jain social and
15 cultural events in a manner that is compassionate, vibrant, and
16 dynamic to all; and

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WHEREAS, JSMC is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its
18 temple, and the idol of Bhagawan Mahavir Swami is the principal
19 deity in the sanctum of the temple; and

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WHEREAS, After renunciation at the age of 30, Bhagawan
21 Mahavir Swami undertook many severe austerities and reinforced

1 them by living and teaching the Jain values of non-violence,
2 compassion, non-possessiveness, pluralism, and supreme truth;
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4 WHEREAS, JSMC honors Bhagawan Mahavir Swami and his Jain
5 teachings, which have been passed down from generation to
6 generation; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 59 as it
10 travels between Lake Street (US 20) and Baytree Drive as
11 "Mahavir Swami Road"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
13 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
14 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
15 giving notice of the name "Mahavir Swami Road"; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago and the
19 Secretary of Transportation.