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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Donald Stephens was born in Chicago on March 13,
3 1928; and

4 WHEREAS, Donald Stephens was the first village president
5 (mayor) of Rosemont; he was first elected in 1956 and
6 re-elected until his death on April 18, 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to the village of Rosemont's incorporation,
8 Donald Stephens was the president of the homeowner's
9 association of the neighborhood that later became Rosemont;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Donald Stephens was believed to be the
12 longest-serving mayor in the United States at the time of his
13 passing; and

14 WHEREAS, During Donald Stephens' tenure as mayor, the
15 village of Rosemont grew from a community of only 85 people to
16 become one of Illinois' most influential communities with over
17 4,000 residents as well as the nation's tenth-largest
18 convention center, properly named after Donald Stephens; and

19 WHEREAS, Donald Stephens oversaw the construction of the
20 18,500 seat Allstate Arena and the Rosemont Theatre; and

1 WHEREAS, Donald Stephens was an avid collector of Hummel
2 figurines and established a museum holding his collection in
3 Rosemont; the Donald E. Stephens Museum of Hummels claims to
4 be the largest public display of Hummel figurines in the
5 world; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Balmoral
9 Avenue Bridge over Interstate 294 as the "Donald Stephens
10 Memorial Bridge"; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Toll Highway Authority is
12 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
13 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
14 giving notice of the name "Donald Stephens Memorial Bridge";
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Donald Stephens and the Executive
18 Director of the Illinois Toll Highway Authority.