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1                   AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

2           AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Joint Resolution 31 by  
3 deleting everything after the heading and replacing it with  
4 the following:

5           "WHEREAS, Donald E. Stephens was born in Chicago on March  
6 13, 1928; and

7           WHEREAS, Donald E. Stephens was the first village  
8 president (mayor) of Rosemont; he was first elected in 1956  
9 and re-elected in every subsequent election until his death on  
10 April 18, 2007; and

11           WHEREAS, Prior to the village of Rosemont's incorporation,  
12 Donald E. Stephens was the president of the homeowner's  
13 association of the neighborhood that later became Rosemont;  
14 and

1           WHEREAS, Donald E. Stephens was believed to be the  
2 longest-serving mayor in the United States at the time of his  
3 passing; and

4           WHEREAS, During Donald E. Stephens' tenure as mayor, the  
5 village of Rosemont grew from a community of only 85 people to  
6 become one of Illinois' most influential communities with over  
7 4,000 residents as well as the nation's tenth-largest  
8 convention center, properly named the Donald E. Stephens  
9 Convention and Conference Center; and

10           WHEREAS, Donald E. Stephens oversaw the construction of  
11 the 18,500 seat Allstate Arena and the Rosemont Theatre; and

12           WHEREAS, Donald E. Stephens was an avid collector of  
13 Hummel figurines and established a museum holding his  
14 collection in Rosemont; the Donald E. Stephens Museum of  
15 Hummels claims to be the largest public display of Hummel  
16 figurines in the world; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Balmoral  
20 Avenue Bridge over Interstate 294 as the "Donald E. Stephens  
21 Memorial Bridge"; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Toll Highway Authority is  
2 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
3 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
4 giving notice of the name "Donald E. Stephens Memorial  
5 Bridge"; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Donald E. Stephens and the  
8 Executive Director of the Illinois Toll Highway Authority."