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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Interstate 64 is a major thoroughfare that runs  
3 through the communities of East St. Louis, O'Fallon, Fairview  
4 Heights, and Washington Park in southwestern Illinois; and

5           WHEREAS, Wyvetter Younge was one of the longest-serving  
6 members of the Illinois House of Representatives; she was born  
7 and raised in East St. Louis; she took office in 1975, worked  
8 tirelessly on behalf of her constituents, and believed strongly  
9 in her community; and

10           WHEREAS, She was a staunch believer in education and  
11 economic development, fighting hard to keep the State community  
12 college in East St. Louis; she fought to make certain that the  
13 Casino Queen would be in East St. Louis; and she fought for any  
14 cause that would help her district; and

15           WHEREAS, She represented House District 114, which  
16 includes some of the poorest communities in the Metro-East and  
17 some of the wealthiest; the district covers Alorton, Brooklyn,  
18 Centreville, East St. Louis, Scott Air Force Base, Shiloh,  
19 Washington Park, and parts of Belleville, Cahokia, Fairview  
20 Heights, Mascoutah, Millstadt, Swansea, Venice, and O'Fallon  
21 south of State Street; and

1           WHEREAS, In respect for former Representative Younge, and  
2 her dedication and hard work for the people of her district, we  
3 believe she deserves to be honored in a prominent way in her  
4 district; and the naming of this stretch of highway is fitting,  
5 because Representative Younge was known as a dedicated servant  
6 who almost always returned home to her district and family  
7 instead of staying overnight in Springfield, and used this  
8 route extensively in the service of area residents; therefore,  
9 be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 the portion of Interstate 64 from Summit Avenue to Illinois  
13 Highway 111 be designated the Wyvetter Younge Memorial Parkway;  
14 and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
16 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
17 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
18 giving notice of the name of the Wyvetter Younge Memorial  
19 Parkway; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
22 Transportation and the family of State Representative Wyvetter  
23 Younge.