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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, For decades, Du Quoin mayors and city councils worked without success to procure State and federal funding to build an overpass across the mainline Illinois Central Railroad tracks; and

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WHEREAS, Without an overpass, traffic on Main and Popular Streets was unnecessarily blocked by numerous daily freight, coal, and passenger trains frequently delaying emergency services to significant portions of town; and

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WHEREAS, The Honorable John E. Rednour, Mayor of the City of Du Quoin from 1989 to 2013, successfully secured funding for construction of the overpass; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Rednour led a walking procession across the completed overpass in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, The Popular Street Overpass contributes daily to the smooth, timely, and safe passage of commercial and private traffic through the city and increases emergency access to all parts of Du Quoin; and

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WHEREAS, Without the effective leadership of Mayor Rednour in securing the funding necessary to build the Popular Street

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1 Overpass, at little or no expense to the people of Du Quoin,
2 the project would not have been possible; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 10, 2014, the City of Du Quoin renamed
4 the Popular Street Overpass after former mayor, John E.
5 Rednour, in honor of his many accomplishments while in office,
6 most notably, the construction of the overpass; therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
10 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the City of Du
11 Quoin on renaming the Popular Street Overpass after former
12 mayor, John E. Rednour; and be it further

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Du Quoin Mayor Rex Duncan and to the Secretary of
19 the Illinois Department of Transportation.