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DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.  
January 30, 2014, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
February 3, 2014 read second time, adopted Voice Vote.

HOUSE ACTION

February 10, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
February 25, 2014, reported — Do Pass

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3 the section of U.S. Highway 50 between Brownstown and Seymour the  
4 "Robert R. Brown Memorial Highway".

5           *Whereas, The Honorable Robert R. Brown, a retired*  
6 *Jackson Circuit Court judge, died September 12, 2011, at his*  
7 *home in Brownstown at the age of 78;*

8           *Whereas, Robert R. Brown served as a Jackson Circuit*  
9 *Court judge from 1971 until his retirement in 1999;*

10          *Whereas, After his retirement, Judge Brown served as a*  
11 *senior judge and certified mediator throughout southern*  
12 *Indiana and successfully mediated more than 500 cases;*

13          *Whereas, Born in Whiteland, Judge Brown graduated from*  
14 *Franklin College;*

15          *Whereas, While attending Indiana University School of*  
16 *Law in the evening, Judge Brown was employed by Eli Lilly*  
17 *and Co. and, subsequently, as Executive Director of the*  
18 *Indiana Home Builders Association;*

19          *Whereas, After receiving his law degree in 1963, Judge*  
20 *Brown formed the law partnership of Whitcomb & Brown*  
21 *with Edgar D. Whitcomb, who later became Secretary of*

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1     *State and Governor of Indiana;*

2             *Whereas, Judge Brown also served as counsel to the*  
 3     *Democratic caucus of the Indiana House of Representatives;*

4             *Whereas, Judge Brown was appointed by Governor Roger*  
 5     *Branigin in 1965 to serve as Prosecutor of Jackson County*  
 6     *and was elected to that position in 1966, serving in this*  
 7     *position until his election as Circuit Court Judge of Jackson*  
 8     *County;*

9             *Whereas, A committed community leader, Judge Brown*  
 10     *served as president of the Indiana Judges Association; a*  
 11     *member of the Indiana Supreme Court Rules Committee; a*  
 12     *graduate of the National College of State Trial Judges, the*  
 13     *American Academy for Judicial Education, and the Indiana*  
 14     *Judicial College; a board member of the Indiana Judicial*  
 15     *Center, the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board, and*  
 16     *the American Cancer Society Jackson County; a hearing*  
 17     *officer of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary*  
 18     *Commission; a delegate to the 2000 National Democratic*  
 19     *Convention; was the recipient of the "Excellence in Public*  
 20     *Information and Education" Award from the Indiana Judicial*  
 21     *College, Franklin College's Alumnus Award for*  
 22     *"Distinguished Service in the Legal Profession", and the*  
 23     *"Centennial Service Award" of the Indiana State Bar*  
 24     *Association; a fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation;*  
 25     *founder of the Jackson County Juvenile Group Home; and*  
 26     *founder of the James Blevins Scholarship Fund; and*

27             *Whereas, Judge Robert R. Brown won and held the respect*  
 28     *and confidence of all who knew him and served his*  
 29     *profession and his community faithfully and well: Therefore,*

30                             *Be it resolved by the Senate*  
 31                             *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
 32                             *the House of Representatives concurring:*

33             SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the  
 34     many contributions made by Judge Robert R. Brown to the community



1 and the state by renaming the section of U.S. Highway 50 between  
2 Brownstown and Seymour the "Robert R. Brown Memorial Highway".

3 SECTION 2. That the copies of this resolutions be transmitted by  
4 the Secretary of the Senate to his wife, Donna; sons, Jeffery and  
5 Douglas; and daughter, Kristen; and the commissioner of the Indiana  
6 Department of Transportation.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution 8, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to SCR 8 as introduced.)

Representative Soliday

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

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