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2 Department of Transportation to rename a section of US 41
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4 John, Indiana, "Schilling Way".

5 *Whereas, In the 1920s, twin brothers Frank J. and Louis W.*
6 *Schilling learned the construction and land development*
7 *business under the careful instruction of their father, Louis B.*
8 *Schilling, in Chicago Heights, Illinois;*

9 *Whereas, In the 1930s, the Schilling brothers settled in St.*
10 *John, Indiana, where they built family homes and opened a*
11 *Mobil gas station along a gravel US 41;*

12 *Whereas, In 1945, the Schilling brothers opened Schilling*
13 *Lumber and began a legacy of developing various properties*
14 *across St. John, including housing communities, restaurants,*
15 *gas stations, the Schilling Inn, the St. John Mall, and even the*
16 *first local bank;*

17 *Whereas, In 1965, Frank Schilling began working as a full*
18 *time employee at Schilling Lumber (now Schillings Home*
19 *Improvement Center), leading the second generation in*
20 *growing the family business by expanding the products offered*
21 *at the store to encompass nearly every product needed for home*
22 *remodeling, improvement, and construction;*

23 *Whereas, After 45 years in the family business, Frank was*
24 *instrumental in opening a full service lumber yard and*
25 *showroom in Mokena, Illinois, in 2010, allowing the family to*



1 *enter into a new state and market;*

2 *Whereas, Outside of his work as President of Schillings*
 3 *Home Improvement Center, Frank is a devout Catholic and*
 4 *parishioner, his patronage having included purchasing and*
 5 *donating local hilltop farmland to the St. John the Evangelist*
 6 *Church, which has resided at this location since 2008;*

7 *Whereas, Directly across from the Church, Frank owns and*
 8 *maintains a 15-foot tall Marian shrine, originally constructed*
 9 *by his grandfather in 1954, and was inspired to improve the*
 10 *shrine by building a path from it to the hilltop;*

11 *Whereas, Frank's alterations to the shrine have grown into*
 12 *a decades-long multimillion dollar family investment to create*
 13 *the Shrine of Christ's Passion, a twisting half-mile trail*
 14 *connecting 18 meditation grottos, 40 life-sized bronze statues,*
 15 *over 1,000 trees, the Sanctity of Life Memorial, a religious gift*
 16 *shop, and accompanying audio that greets more than 200,000*
 17 *pilgrims per year from 40 countries as one of the most popular*
 18 *Catholic shrines in the Midwest;*

19 *Whereas, For his decades of work in business and in*
 20 *support of his local community, Frank was named to the Times*
 21 *Media Company's Times Business & Industry Hall of Fame in*
 22 *2016 and given a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Eric*
 23 *Holcomb in 2021; and*

24 *Whereas, It is fitting for the Indiana Department of*
 25 *Transportation to rename a section of US 41 between West*
 26 *93rd Avenue and West 109th Avenue in Saint John, Indiana,*
 27 *"Schilling Way": Therefore,*

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

31 **SECTION 1.** That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
 32 Indiana Department of Transportation to rename a section of
 33 US 41 between West 93rd Avenue and West 109th Avenue in



1 Saint John, Indiana, "Schilling Way".

2 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
3 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Frank Schilling and the
4 Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation.

