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*Whereas, William Smith ("Bill") Monroe was born in the neighboring State of Kentucky, but first performed on the radio in Hammond, Indiana in 1930;*

*Whereas, He was the originator and founder of a unique style of American county music known as "Bluegrass", which is now enjoyed and performed by people all over the world;*

*Whereas, Bill Monroe and his Blue Grass Boys were members of the Grand Ole Opry from 1939 until his death in 1996. Bill Monroe was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Songwriter's Hall of Fame, the Bluegrass Hall of Fame, was the recipient of the first Grammy Award presented to a bluegrass musician, and was presented the National Medal of the Arts by President Clinton;*

*Whereas, Bill Monroe had a deep affection for the State of Indiana, and in particular, Brown County, Indiana, and*



*owned and operated a music park in Bean Blossom, Indiana from 1953 until his death. He wrote and performed songs about Brown County, and the State of Indiana, and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by both Governors Bowen and Bayh;*

*Whereas, Bill Monroe moved his Blue Grass Museum and Hall of fame from Nashville, Tennessee, to Bean Blossom, Indiana;*

*Whereas, The bluegrass music festival held each year since 1967 in the month of June at Bean Blossom, Indiana, has now become the oldest continuously running bluegrass festival in the world, has become world famous, and has drawn fans to the Hoosier State from all over the world;*

*Whereas, Bill Monroe, an artist of great musical genius, and a poet of American folklore continued as an active performer until age 84 despite serious health problems that would have defeated men of lesser mettle; and*

*Whereas, Bill Monroe became a legend in his own lifetime, and upon his death on September 9, 1996, generated a world-wide outpouring of media coverage of his career and contributions to American culture: Therefore*

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

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the life  
2           and accomplishments of William Smith Monroe by asking the Indiana  
3           department of transportation to designate that part of Indiana Highway  
4           #135 between Morgantown and Nashville, Indiana, which passes  
5           through Bean Blossom, Brown County, Indiana as the "Bill Monroe  
6           Memorial Highway."



1           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of  
2 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the commissioner  
3 of the Indiana department of transportation and to the Blue Grass  
4 Museum and Hall of Fame in Bean Blossom, Indiana.

