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President William J. Clinton
Radio Address to the Nation
June 1, 1996

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Good morning. This week, the people of Israel gave evidence of a vibrant democracy -- and set an example for all those who cherish the right to choose their leaders with their voices and their votes.

Yesterday, I called Prime Minister-elect Netanyahu to congratulate him on his victory. We discussed America's enduring friendship with Israel -- and our commitment to its strength and security.

Through peace and war... through good times and bad... through administrations of both parties in both countries, the partnership between the United States and Israel has been strong and vital. We stand together because we share the same ideals: freedom, tolerance, democracy. And we share the same goal: peace and security for all the people of Israel and the Middle East.

These past few years, we've come far toward that goal: peace between Israel and its Palestinian and Jordanian neighbors... Israel's growing acceptance throughout the region.

The people of Israel want -- and they must have -- both the blessings of peace and the comfort of security. Prime Minister-elect Netanyahu told me he is committed to working for a secure peace. I told him that the United States will be with him and the Israeli people every step of the way.

I also spoke to outgoing Prime Minister Peres. I told him to take comfort in history's judgment. Decades from now, people will look back and see in Shimon Peres one of the great peacemakers of our time.

Now, the partnership between Israel and the United States that he did so much to strengthen will be the foundation from which our two countries, together, build a comprehensive, lasting and secure peace in the Middle East.

Now I'd like to turn to our home front and some of our most important citizens, our children. Some of them have joined me with their parents here in the Oval Office, and later today, they'll join tens of thousands of people to show their support for America's young people at the Stand for Children at the Lincoln Memorial.

This is an important time for America's children. They're growing up in a world that is changing rapidly. They need our help more than any generation before them. My wife, Hillary, says that children are not rugged individualists; they depend on us -- their parents and communities -- to love them, guide them, provide for them, defend them. That's as it should be. Their future, and ours, depends on how well we do our job.

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If society sends our children the wrong signals, we should work together to change that. That's why I have proposed strict limits on tobacco advertising. That's why we're giving parents the V-chip and persuaded the TV networks to develop a ratings system, so parents can control the shows children watch. That's why I support parents and communities who want to cut crime and improve discipline by adopting school uniforms and community curfews.

We are immunizing our children, and now we have the highest number of immunizations ever. We enacted the Family and Medical Leave law, so parents can now take time away from their jobs to be with a newborn or an ill child. We increased Head Start funding. We're making sure that teenage mothers stay in school and turn their lives around. And we preserved the Federal school lunch program, which this week turned 50 years old, and every school day helps 25 million children get nutrition they need.

All of this makes a difference. But none of it matters as much as the most basic of all protection for young people -- their health. Without medical care, a child cannot live a full life.

That is why I deeply oppose the Republican plan to repeal the guarantee of quality health care for children. For three decades, Medicaid has been our national commitment that poor children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, older Americans will never be denied health care because they can't afford it. Today, parents know that in the awful event their child is disabled and their savings are gone, they will get help to keep their child at home. Under the Republican plan, hundreds of thousands of children with disabilities could lose help for home care.

This plan says to millions of children -- if you can't afford care, too bad. It says to people with disabilities -- if you don't have insurance, sorry, come back tomorrow. It would amount to child neglect for a whole generation. I vetoed it last year when the Republican Congress shut down the government in an effort to force me to sign it. And if they send it to me again, I will veto it again.

The Republicans are threatening to attach this proposal to welfare reform. For two decades, I've worked to end welfare as we know it. I want to require work, to impose strict time limits, and to crack down on child support enforcement. We can reach agreement on sweeping, bipartisan welfare reform. But I will never accept the repeal of guaranteed health care for poor children or people with disabilities or older Americans or pregnant women. And I don't care what bill they attach it to.

These young people with me today will take part in a stand for all children that is unprecedented. Where our children are concerned, we should all stand together, and we should not be small. Our children are counting on us.

Thanks for listening.

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May 28, 1996

Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
President, United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear President Clinton,

It is with the greatest sincerity that I thank you for the gracious hospitality given to me during the Memorial Day breakfast. I am truly humbled and honored.

Keep and hold close to you the small Angel that was pinned to your lapel. She is special - she will bring to you much comfort during your darkest hours. Know in your heart, Billy Bill, that I come to you to bring to you a message. It is not a message for the President - it is but a message for you! Hold firmly to your Faith; continue to learn from the past; It is your continued walk in the Light of God that is your greatest blessing and the source of your strength.

The words I brought to you are true. I am but the messenger. There is much more that you must hear; in your heart - you will know the message is true. It is not necessary that you understand. Your continued Faith will bring you to understanding and a confirmation.

You are the chosen one. You will lead the United States into the next millennium. Your shoulders will be heavily burdened; your heart will be filled with a compassion and goodness; your nights will be distraught. You must know that you are not alone. There are many who walk with you on this great journey.

Again, I thank you for all that you have so graciously shared. Should I be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call.

With this I leave you, sincerely

Linda

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MESSAGE: This fax is directed to your attention per the instruction from Rev. James Dumas member of the Coalition to name an area expressway in honor of Bishop Ford. Please be advised that Ben Johnson and I discussed this matter this morning and he has had discussions with Rodney Slater. (At the beginning of this year, I sent correspondence and called Mr. Slaters office on several occasions regarding this matter, but he did not return my calls).

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**SUMMARY OF EFFORTS TO RENAME THE CALUMET EXPRESSWAY IN
HONOR OF
BISHOP LOUIS HENRY FORD**

May 30, 1996

The Coalition of Religious Leaders in Illinois is an ecumenical group of Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and the like, who have joined together in a common purpose to rename the Calumet Expressway in honor of the Late Bishop Louis Henry Ford, the Second Elected Presiding Bishop of the 8.5 million member Church of God In Christ body. The Calumet Expressway extends over an eleven mile stretch of highway on Interstate 94 East. This area covers the far Southside of Chicago and the South Suburban area. This aggregation of religious leadership individually, as well as collectively, acted swiftly in exercising their influences to impress the Illinois legislators of both the Senate and the House to vote unanimously in favor of this effort.

Since the vote was made, information has come to our attention indicating that a Federal regulation prevents signage that indicates the name of an expressway, to be physically changed. This regulation would only allow for an honorary renaming, permitting only a memorial marker to be erected along the roadside.

I am sure your are aware this information was disheartening to the coalition members negating their earnest efforts to give due recognition to this World Leader. The membership has no other recourse but to seek resolution of this matter at the federal level.

The coalition members are preparing now to make contacts with each of their respective U.S. Congressmen and Senators. We must rely on the knowledge and influence of those of you who are involved in the inner workings of these matters for assistance. In our estimation, this new development will require intervention at a regulatory level.

It is the mission of this coalition to see signage permanently erected on the newly renamed Bishop L.H. Ford Memorial Expressway. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated and will aid in bringing the earnest efforts of this group to fruition.

Sincerely,

**Bishop Shepard Little
Chairman**



STATE OF ILLINOIS
SENATE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bishop Shephard Little
Elder Charles Ford

FROM: Senate Democratic Leader Emil Jones

DATE: May 24, 1996

RE: Bishop Louis Henry Ford Memorial Freeway

Please find enclosed a copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 98 which has been adopted by both the State Senate and House of Representatives. The Resolution requires that the Calumet Expressway be designated as the "Bishop Louis Henry Ford Memorial Freeway". The Resolution also directs the Department of Transportation to erect appropriate signs, markers or plaques along the highway in recognition of this designation.

Unfortunately, the signs currently designating the Calumet Expressway will not be removed. This is due to federal highway regulations. The Calumet Expressway was first named through a resolution adopted by the City of Chicago. The name was later "grandfathered" into the Federal Highway System. The federal government has stopped the practice of changing these signs federally and does not allow individual states to engage in the practice either. However, I am contacting Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. to enlist his help in putting forth legislation at the federal level to "grandfather" this change as was implemented when the Calumet Expressway was formally named and, which will make the Bishop Louis Henry Ford Memorial Freeway official change through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In the meantime, I will be working with the Department of Transportation to make sure that appropriate signs are erected in honor of the late Honorable Bishop Ford.

Thank you for this opportunity to show my respect for the late Honorable Bishop Ford. It has been a pleasure working with you and the Church of God in Christ on this issue.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE

Senate Joint Resolution No. 98

Offered by Senators DeAngelis, Smith, Jones and Shaw

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford spent a lifetime of service in the Church of God in Christ and contributed heavily to every area of church growth and development, which included major efforts to address the problems of senior citizens, the young and the disabled and to confront national problems of the homeless, education and drug abuse in 54 foreign countries and all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, Bishop L. H. Ford was called to the ministry and service of Christ in 1926, in 1968 rising to prominence in a key leadership position in the National Church of God in Christ organization;

WHEREAS, In 1937 he founded the St. Paul Church of God in Christ in Chicago, which recently celebrated 58 years in operation; and

WHEREAS, Bishop L. H. Ford became assistant presiding Bishop in 1972, which made him Overseer or Bishop in 30 jurisdictions, including central Illinois, and became International Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle on April 5, 1990, which allowed him to travel extensively around the United States ministering and reviewing operations and million member Church with

been named the largest Pentecostal Church and the 5th largest denomination in America by the National Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, Bishop L. H. Ford was a much sought after guest speaker and appeared at numerous national conventions, state

convocations, banquets, church dedications and anniversaries, and received many outstanding awards and citations, including the Charles Harrison Mason Award and the Church Federation of Chicago Leadership Award; he was honored by the Mayor of Chicago who named October 25, 1990 as "Louis Henry Ford Day", was presented with the key to the city by many other municipalities, and served as a personal advisor to President Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Bishop L. H. Ford consistently engineered surges of new growth which included purchasing Chicago's oldest house and grounds, a city landmark, as the site of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ, major development projects of remodeling and refurbishing of the Church owned national landmark Mason Temple Church, reopening the Saints College, and establishing the Mattie McGlothen Home of Love and Hope Emergency Shelter for the homeless and battered women and children; and

WHEREAS, Bishop L. H. Ford throughout his life dedicated himself to the disenfranchised, the underprivileged and the powerless and served as a constant reminder of the importance of brotherly love - an example we all should emulate; and

WHEREAS, Bishop L. H. Ford's contributions to American society will have an enduring impact on humanity well into the future - a permanent public tribute; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 94, also called the Calumet Expressway, from Chicago's southside to its southern suburbs, is traveled by all ethnic groups and economic strata of the State, used by both parishioners and the beneficiaries of the good deeds of St. Paul's Church of God in Christ, and is an appropriate public improvement to bear

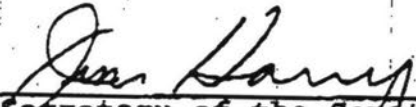
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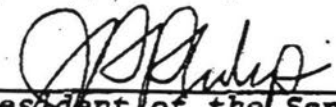
RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the part of Interstate Route 94 of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways that is within the State of Illinois, specifically the Calumet Expressway portion, is designated as the Bishop Louis Henry Ford Memorial Freeway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation erect appropriate signs, markers or plaques along the highway in recognition of this designation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

Adopted by the Senate, May 20, 1996.


Secretary of the Senate


President of the Senate

Concurred in by the House of Representatives, May 21,

Thomas B. M. Lewis
Clerk of House of
Representatives

Mr. [Signature]
Speaker of House of
Representatives

Expressway to be named after B

by Annah Dumas

The Coalition of Illinois Religious Leaders announced Tuesday at a press conference at the St. Paul Church of God in Christ that the Calumet Expressway will be renamed Bishop Louis Henry Ford Expressway. This is the first time an expressway has been renamed for an African American.

"It is befitting that the interstate highway be named after him," said U.S. Rep. Mary Flowers. "He was a great spiritual leader. He worked with all denominations and reached out and beyond."

Ford was a internationally known leader. He was the second elected presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ and was committed to serving humanity for over 60 years in Chicago and nationally.

The historical event came about when Illinois legislators of both houses came together to pass the law on the state level.

"We want great big signs, huge signs," said Assistant Senate Minority Leader William Shaw.

He said he would not settle for a mere memorial sign and expressed that he and colleagues will work to have the signs properly put in place.

But the battle must continue as some members of the Illinois



The Coalition of Religious Leaders in Illinois to Rename the Calumet Expressway in Honor of B. Henry Ford meets Tuesday to push forward their plans to rename the expressway.

legislature work to get the law passed on a federal level.

"We have been writing letters and making telephone calls to

Sens. Paul Simon and Carol Moseley-Braun," said Flowers.

And it doesn't stop at that point as they have left telephone

messages with President in an effort to get his have the expressway nationally.

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State Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones stated that he will push to have the federal law amended and the change to come.

"It is a great victory and I am glad to be a part of the coalition," said Jones. "I am glad to be a vehicle to help you get this accomplished."

Jones gave great praise to the community residents who worked so hard in getting the highway renamed.

Constituents want to have the expressway appear on maps and all literature that details highways and expressways.

And if their request is not answered in a reasonable amount of time, drastic measures may take place said the bill's proponents.

"If signs don't go up by the time the Democratic National Convention comes, we are going to close the Calumet Expressway down until the signs do go up," said Rev. James Demus, a member involved in the passing of the law.

However, members don't expect such a dramatic retaliation because they believe the feds will agree with them, but the main message that members want to express is the importance of remembering a man who devoted so much time to the community.

METRO

State House Names Roads For Reagan, Local Bishop

BY DAVE MCKINNEY
SUN-TIMES SPRINGFIELD BUREAU

SPRINGFIELD—The Republican-led House Tuesday gave Northwest Highway the honorary name Ronald Reagan Highway, and Calumet Expy. will be known as Bishop Louis Henry Ford Expy.

The mostly symbolic acts will not result in actual name changes for either road. But the votes carried political and emotional significance that lawmakers could not ignore in an election year.

The Ford proposal was pushed by Democrats and followers of Ford, the late international presiding bishop of the 8.5 million-member National Church of God in Christ.

Pastor Charles M. Ford, the son of the Chicago religious leader who died last year, was jubilant.

"If he were alive, he wouldn't want anything named after him, because he was always doing things for other people," Ford said. "This stands, in part, as a tribute

to the work he did among us."

On the Reagan initiative, businesses and homes won't have to alter their addresses to reflect the change, which backers said was an attempt to honor one of Illinois' native sons. "This is a very fitting tribute to a personal hero for me," said state Sen. Walter Dudyycz (R-Chicago), chief Senate sponsor of the resolution.

Placards will be placed at the beginning and end of the street.

Whether people will call Northwest Highway Ronald Reagan Highway is another matter.

"I fail to see the connection between Ronald Reagan and Northwest Highway," Arlington Heights Village President Arlene Mulder said. "I've had a significant number of residents who say they will always call this Northwest Highway."

Clergy Want Expressway Renamed for Bishop Ford

BY ANDREW HERRMANN
RELIGION REPORTER

There are no Chicago area expressways with religious connections. The Edens doesn't count. It's named after a banker.

A group of local clergy is trying to change that.

Representatives from 15 faiths will gather Monday in a strategy meeting to get the Calumet Expy. renamed for the late Bishop Louis Henry Ford.

Ford, who came to Chicago as a street preacher in 1933, rose to head of the 8.5 million-member National Church of God in Christ. Ford, the founder of Chicago's St. Paul Church of God in Christ, 4528 S. Wabash, died last year at the age of 81.



Louis H. Ford

An earlier effort led by state House Minority Leader Emil Jones Jr. (D-Chicago) to rename the expressway died this year in Springfield after Senate Republicans kept the measure in committee.

Charles Bowen, executive assistant to Mayor Daley, blamed party politics for the failure of the earlier attempt. But Bowen and others have renewed hope for the name change now, noting that Sen. Aldo DeAngelis (R-Olympia Fields) is pushing for the change.

The Rev. James Demus of Park Manor Christian Church, 600 E. 73rd, said the meeting Monday will be an interfaith event. In a statement, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago said the renaming is a "most fitting honor for a man who gave so much to Chicago." It praised Ford as a man who was "faithful to that wider role of a religious leader to give voice in the public square to those who do not have a voice."

The Rev. Stanley L. Davis Jr., executive director of the local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, noted there is no expressway named after an African American in Illinois.

"Bishop Ford has certainly provided a great deal of leadership over the years. He rose from a local church to lead millions of people," Davis said.

"We feel Bishop Ford was a great man who deserves this honor," said Demus. "He was one of the most prominent religious leaders ever in Chicago."

The Monday gathering will be held at St. Paul, whose pastor now is Ford's son Charles M. Ford.

Among Ford's accomplishments were an extensive outreach program to residents of the nearby Robert Taylor Homes, the founding of the 1965 Chicago Conference to Fulfill These Rights, considered one of the first civil rights groups, and the creation of Saints College in Lexington, Miss.