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Mayor Terry D'Arcy & Members of the Joliet City Council
150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432

Mayor D'Arcy and Members of the Joliet City Council,

On behalf of Joliet Township High School, I am pleased to offer this letter in support of the petition submitted by Toccoa Tours for an honorary street designation in memory of Frank J. Perconte along East Jefferson Street, from Mayor Art Schultz Drive to North Eastern Avenue.

Frank Perconte's story is a Joliet story. Born and raised in Joliet, he graduated from Joliet Central High School in 1935 and went on to serve his country during World War II as a paratrooper with Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, the unit whose story was told in the HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*. After the war, he came home to Joliet and spent more than 30 years as a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier, serving the neighborhoods and families of the city he loved.

As a property owner along this corridor, with Joliet Central High School located at 201 East Jefferson Street, JTHS fully supports this designation. The proposed section of East Jefferson Street leads directly toward the campus where Frank Perconte was once a student. Each day, Joliet Central students travel this same street. A sign bearing his name would serve as a lasting reminder that courage, service and dedication to community can begin right here at home.

Joliet Township High School takes great pride in the generations of alumni who have served our nation and returned to strengthen our community. Honoring Frank Perconte in this way celebrates his legacy and connects our students to the history of the school and the city they call home.

We respectfully encourage the City of Joliet to approve this honorary street designation. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to recognizing the people who have shaped Joliet. Please feel free to contact me at kguseman@jths.org or call (815) 727-6977 for any additional information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karla Guseman
Superintendent for Joliet Township High School

The mission of Joliet Township High School, a historically rich, unified and innovative learning community, is to empower every student to compete and contribute positively to our community and global society by providing a rigorous and personalized education through an academy environment.

Joliet Township High School District 204 is committed to cultivating an inclusive community that values and embraces diversity and respects the humanity of all people.

Joliet Township High School ensures equal educational opportunities are offered to students, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion, disability, veteran's status, or marital status.