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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of A. Philip Randolph, the
3 Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP) was the first Black
4 union in America to win a collective bargaining agreement with
5 a major U.S. corporation and to be chartered under the American
6 Federation of Labor; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1941, A. Philip Randolph successfully
8 organized a call for mass protests to fight discrimination
9 against blacks in wartime jobs; that protest was called off
10 after President Franklin Roosevelt issued an Executive Order
11 banning all discriminatory practices; another threatened
12 protest caused President Harry Truman to issue an Executive
13 Order abolishing the practice of segregation in the U.S. Armed
14 Forces; and

15 WHEREAS, The ensuing successes led A. Philip Randolph to
16 organize the 1963 March on Washington, D.C., where Dr. Martin
17 Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech; and

18 WHEREAS, The A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum was
19 founded in 1995 by Dr. Lyn Hughes; the museum is a self-funded
20 African American labor history museum located in the Historic
21 Pullman District and is the only cultural institution in the
22 nation that showcases the history of the African American labor

1 union movement, the BSCP, and A. Philip Randolph; and

2 WHEREAS, The A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum
3 proudly celebrates and honors its namesake's lifelong
4 leadership in securing employment for all Americans, as well as
5 his momentous work to end discrimination and secure employment
6 opportunities for African Americans in organized labor; and

7 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of the BSCP and its founder,
8 A. Philip Randolph, opened the doors to organized labor for
9 African Americans and created a vehicle through which many
10 Civil Rights activities were begun; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we commemorate the 94th anniversary of the Brotherhood of
14 Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP) and commend the accomplishments of
15 the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum; we wish the
16 museum continued success in preserving and protecting the
17 history of A. Philip Randolph, the Pullman Porters, the African
18 American Labor Movement, and the Pullman District; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to David A. Peterson, President of the A. Philip
22 Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, and to Dr. Lyn Hughes, Founder

1 of the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum.