



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate C.H. James
4 Restaurant Holdings on the six newly remodeled Burger King
5 restaurants in Chicago, Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The Burger King restaurants hosted their grand
7 re-openings on November 29, 2006; partnering with local radio
8 stations, 107.5 FM WGCI and 92.3 FM WPWX, air personalities
9 such as Tony Sculfield, Beyonce Foxx, Trey, "The Choklit Jok",
10 Kendra G, and "The Hot Boyz" Shag and Tone, were on hand to
11 distribute prizes at the restaurants; the grand opening
12 festivities also included an appearance by Whosay, one of the
13 only African-American magicians in the Midwest, as well as
14 special performances by local high school bands and
15 cheerleaders; and

16 WHEREAS, Predominantly located on the south and west sides
17 of Chicago, each location is also now a hot spot for wireless
18 connectivity so that patrons can enjoy free Internet access
19 inside the stores; A recruiting station for people to complete
20 employment applications and meet one-on-one with hiring
21 personnel are also available at each restaurant; and

22 WHEREAS, C.H. James Restaurant Holdings is the largest
23 African-American Burger King franchisee; in 2004, Charles H.
24 James III joined the Burger King system when the company
25 acquired 37 Burger King restaurants in the Chicago area; in May
26 2006, three urban stores were acquired, bringing the franchise
27 owner's total to 40 restaurants and an additional three are
28 managed on behalf of Burger King; C.H. James Restaurant
29 Holdings, LLC is an affiliate of C.H. James and Company, which
30 is a fourth generation African-American family-owned business
31 founded by James' great-grandfather in 1883 in Charleston, West
32 Virginia; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1992, C.H. James and Company was recognized as
2 Company of the Year by Black Enterprise magazine; in August
3 2004, James established C. H. James Restaurant Holdings, LLC in
4 an exclusive partnership with the Goldman Sachs Urban
5 Investment Group, which invests growth capital in ethnic
6 minority-owned or targeted businesses and urban real estate;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Named to the Black Enterprise BE 100 listing on
9 many occasions, C. H. James has serviced a high profile and
10 demanding roster of clients in the food service industry
11 including McDonald's, Yum! Brands, Darden Restaurant, and
12 Wendy's; as an 8(a) contractor, the firm has been recognized as
13 a leading supplier to the United States Department of
14 Agriculture, Department of Defense, and other government
15 agencies; and

16 WHEREAS, C.H. James is to be congratulated for bringing
17 employment opportunities to the State of Illinois and the City
18 of Chicago; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate C.H. James and Company on the grand re-opening
22 of the new Burger King restaurants; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to C.H. James Restaurant Holdings Chairman and CEO
25 Charles H. James III.