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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. J. Kamala
4 Buckner on the occasion of being the recipient of the African
5 American Lifetime Achievement Award from the Knights of Peter
6 Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Frank Houston Council 251; and

7 WHEREAS, The African American Lifetime Achievement Award
8 celebrates educators, civic leaders, and community activists
9 who dedicate themselves to a lifetime of service to their
10 communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. J. Kamala Buckner graduated from Thornton
12 Township High School in 1968; she earned her bachelor's degree
13 in education-speech/theatre in 1972 from Indiana University in
14 Bloomington, Indiana and her master's degree in political
15 science from Indiana University in 1973; she earned her
16 doctorate of philosophy with a major in educational leadership
17 and leadership studies from Loyola University; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. J. Kamala Buckner has had a long and
19 distinguished career in education; she began her career as a
20 part-time instructor at South Suburban College in South
21 Holland, serving there from September of 1974 until 1976; in
22 September of 1973, she began working as a teacher at Thornridge

1 High School in Dolton and Thornton High School in Harvey; in
2 September of 1978, she became Assistant Chapter 1 Director of
3 Thornton Township High School District #205 in Harvey, serving
4 there until November of 1983, when she became District Chapter
5 1 Director of School District #205; and

6 WHEREAS, In January of 1986, Dr. J. Kamala Buckner became
7 the District Director of Student Services for Thornton Township
8 High School District #205, serving there until September of
9 1991, when she was made the District Director of Pupil
10 Personnel Services of the district; she served as District
11 Director until September of 1994, when she became the Assistant
12 Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services and External
13 Funding; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1999, Dr. J. Kamala Buckner was named to serve
15 as Superintendent of Thornton Township High School District
16 #205, a position that she has served in admirably; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. J. Kamala Buckner is the owner and coordinator
18 of KAMEYA, Incorporated, a consulting firm established in 1983
19 which provides consultation for planning special occasions,
20 entertainment events, and motivational seminars; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. J. Kamala Buckner is a member of many
22 prestigious organizations, including the National Association

1 of Secondary School Principals, the Illinois Principals
2 Association, the International Reading Association,
3 Supervision and Curriculum Developments, the American
4 Association of School Administrators, the American Association
5 of Curriculum Development, Phi Delta Kappa, the Children's
6 Defense Fund, the Urban League, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., the
7 NAACP, and LINKS, Inc.; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. J. Kamala Buckner's dedication to her
9 profession and her willingness to serve her community make her
10 a model for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate Dr. J. Kamala Buckner on the occasion of being the
15 recipient of the African American Lifetime Achievement Award
16 and wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Dr. J. Kamala Buckner as a symbol of our esteem
20 and respect.