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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are proud to recognize the accomplishments of citizens of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, At the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada, Shani Davis won the gold medal in the men's 1,000-meter speed skating event, becoming the first speed skater to become a repeat Olympic 1,000-meter champion; and

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WHEREAS, Shani Davis is the first African-American man to win a gold medal in Winter Olympic history; and

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WHEREAS, Shani Davis was born on August 13, 1982, in Chicago to Cherie Davis; he began his remarkable career at the age of 2, when his mother took him roller skating at a neighborhood rink; and

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WHEREAS, At the age of 6, Shani Davis and his mother made the long trek north from their home on the south side of Chicago to the Robert Crown Community Center in Evanston and the Evanston Speedskating Club to sharpen his skating skills; at the age of 10, Shani and his mother moved to the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago so that he could be closer to the rink; and

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1           WHEREAS, Shani Davis' success is a testament to community  
2 support and the unwavering motivation and sacrifice of his  
3 mother, Cherie Davis; and

4           WHEREAS, Shani Davis set the world record in the men's  
5 1,500-meter speed skating event on December 11, 2009 at the  
6 Essent ISU World Cup Speed Skating competition in Salt Lake  
7 City, Utah; and

8           WHEREAS, Shani Davis has a distinguished speed skating  
9 record; he is a 2-time gold medal Olympic champion in the  
10 1,000-meter speed skating event; he is a 2-time silver medal  
11 Olympic champion in the 1,500-meter speed skating event; he has  
12 set the world record in the 1,000-meter and 1,500-meter speed  
13 skating events on 4 separate occasions; he has also won the  
14 Overall World Cup Title in the 1,000-meter and 1,500-meter  
15 events for 3 consecutive years in a row; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate Shani Davis for his gold medal victory at the 2010  
19 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada and honor him for  
20 achieving the greatest athletic achievement while shattering  
21 records and crossing racial divides; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Shani Davis as a symbol of our esteem and respect.