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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate John T. Hooker on
4 the occasion of winning the Circle of Friends Award from the
5 Chicago State University (CSU) Foundation in recognition of his
6 outstanding commitment to the success of CSU students; and

7 WHEREAS, John Hooker was born on November 25, 1948, in
8 Chicago; he grew up in Chicago's Lawndale community and
9 attended Theodore Hertzell Elementary School, Hess Upper Grade
10 Center, and Farragut High School; while at Hess, he was
11 inspired by civil rights activist Al Raby and teacher Warner
12 Sanders; after graduating from Farragut in 1966, he got married
13 and was hired by Commonwealth Edison that same year; and

14 WHEREAS, John Hooker began his career at ComEd in the
15 company mailroom, where he learned as much as possible about
16 the company; he steadily ascended through the ranks, from clerk
17 typist to time keeper to material clerk; by 1974, he was
18 promoted to the position of human relations representative; in
19 1976, he began working in the marketing department, where he
20 was promoted to director of marketing for Bolingbrook and the
21 western suburbs in 1984; in 1987, he became the ComEd liaison
22 to the late Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and the Chicago
23 City Hall; in 1990, he earned his bachelor's degree from

1 Chicago State University and helped found the Exelon African
2 American Members Association (EAAMA); during this time, he
3 served as area manager for ComEd in the western Chicago suburbs
4 and director of external affairs; in 1995, he was named
5 director of governmental affairs, which enabled him to
6 influence the passage of the Illinois Consumer Choice Law of
7 1997; he was then promoted to vice president of property
8 management for Exelon Energy Delivery; in 2000, he became an
9 officer of ComEd; in 2004, he was appointed senior vice
10 president of Commonwealth Edison; and

11 WHEREAS, John Hooker was a 1994 participant in Leadership
12 Greater Chicago; he serves on several boards, including the
13 Chicago State University Foundation, the Peoples Consumer
14 Cooperative, the Safer Foundation, Junior Achievement, and the
15 African American Initiative; he is a member of the American
16 Association of Blacks in Energy and Chicago University's
17 Business Hall of Fame Committee; he is also involved in the
18 Chicago Public School's Youth Motivation program; and

19 WHEREAS, John Hooker and his loving wife, Kim, live in
20 Chicago; the couple has 3 adult children; and

21 WHEREAS, John Hooker serves as a model of hard work,
22 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
23 Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate John T. Hooker on the occasion of winning the
4 Circle of Friends Award and wish him continued success and
5 happiness in the future; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to John Hooker as a symbol of our esteem and respect.