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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the  
4 internationally-known rhythm & blues group, the Impressions,  
5 on the occasion of the group's 53rd anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The Impressions were discovered by the talented  
7 and award winning music artist Eddie Thomas; the group was  
8 originally named the Roosters until 1957, when Eddie Thomas  
9 convinced them to change their name to the Impressions; when  
10 the group was discovered by Eddie Thomas, the Impressions were  
11 composed of Jerry Butler, now a Cook County Board Commissioner,  
12 Sam Gooden, Curtis Mayfield, Arthur Brooks, and Richard Brooks,  
13 all of whom are natives of Chicago; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1958, the Impressions began their ascent in the  
15 music industry, entering the charts with hit after hit,  
16 including "Gypsy Woman", "It's All Right", "Keep on Pushing",  
17 and "People Get Ready"; the group also had a giant seller with  
18 Jerry Butler and the Impressions singing "For Your Precious  
19 Love"; eventually, Jerry Butler left the Impressions and began  
20 a solo career, with Fred Cash returning as one of the original  
21 Roosters to take his place; in 1970, Curtis Mayfield left the  
22 Impressions and began a successful solo career, which included  
23 successes such as the Superfly sound track; despite his

1 departure, Mayfield continued writing and producing for the  
2 Impressions; Leroy Hutson also joined the Impressions, but left  
3 in 1973; and

4 WHEREAS, The Impressions had three R & B Top Ten singles  
5 from 1974-1975, including "Finally Got Myself Together", "Same  
6 Things It Took", and "Sooner or Later"; and

7 WHEREAS, The Impressions have not forgotten their Chicago  
8 roots and have served as role-models for our youth and provided  
9 motivation for youth to become better educated; the group's  
10 activism has been a source of encouragement to the Rev. Harold  
11 E. Bailey, President of Probation Challenge, to continue in his  
12 efforts to assist troubled young people in Chicago, Cook  
13 County, and the State of Illinois as they endeavor to re-enter  
14 society, turn their lives around, and be tax payers instead of  
15 tax burdens; and

16 WHEREAS, The Impressions will celebrate the group's 53rd  
17 anniversary with a performance at Probation Challenge's 31st  
18 Annual "Portrait of Achievers Awards, Dinner and The Show of  
19 Shows" on August 20, 2010 at the Condesa del Mar Banquet  
20 Facility in Alsip; and

21 WHEREAS, The members of the Impressions serve as models of  
22 hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the

1 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 congratulate the members of the Impressions on the occasion of  
5 the group's 53rd anniversary and wish them continued success  
6 and happiness in the future; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the members of the Impressions as a symbol of our  
9 esteem and respect.