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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Katherine Dunham Centers for Arts and  
3 Humanities (KDCAH) will celebrate 2012 as a banner year at the  
4 5th Annual Black-Tie Gala/Silent Auction on August 4, 2012 at  
5 Deserts on the Boulevard in St. Louis, Missouri; and

6           WHEREAS, Miss Katherine Dunham, noted dancer,  
7 choreographer, anthropologist, and humanitarian, was born on  
8 June 22, 1909; she passed away on May 21, 2006, and would have  
9 celebrated her 103rd birthday this year; and

10           WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 20th anniversary of the Dunham  
11 Technique Certification Workshop, which has certified 21 dance  
12 instructors, including 5 grandmaster teachers and 5 master  
13 teachers; 2012 also marks the 20th anniversary of Miss Dunham's  
14 47-day fast to protest the repatriation of Haitian refugees;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service released a  
17 forever stamp in commemoration of Miss Dunham's legacy as a  
18 master choreographer in Los Angeles, California on July 28,  
19 2012; and

20           WHEREAS, 2012 is the year of the 29th Annual Dunham  
21 Technique Seminar, where individuals are taught not only the

1 Dunham Technique, but learn about the philosophy, pedagogy, and  
2 choreography of Miss Dunham; and

3 WHEREAS, KDCAH will present awards to the Arbogast Family  
4 and Mr. Mark Kern for individual philanthropy; the Casino Queen  
5 for organizational philanthropy; and the Lifetime Achievement  
6 Award to Joan Myers Brown; and

7 WHEREAS, The 5th Annual Gala/Silent Auction will celebrate  
8 these extraordinary accomplishments and will be co-hosted by  
9 actor, dancer, and singer Debbie Allen, as well as Ron Himes,  
10 actor, choreographer, and founding director of the St. Louis  
11 Black Repertory company; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we thank and applaud the Board of Directors of the Katherine  
15 Dunham Centers for Arts and Humanities for keeping the legacy  
16 of Katherine Dunham alive, visible, and viable in the Metro  
17 East area; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the Katherine Dunham Centers for Arts and  
20 Humanities as a symbol of our respect and esteem.