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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Milton L. McDaniel Sr. on
4 his induction into the Illinois Labor History Society Union
5 Hall of Honor; and

6 WHEREAS, On August 4, 1967, Milton McDaniel Sr. was hired
7 as the first African American locomotive fireman north of the
8 Ohio River on the Illinois Central Railroad; and

9 WHEREAS, In November of 2017, Milton McDaniel Sr. will be a
10 50-year member of the SMART-Transportation Division and its
11 predecessors, including the United Transportation Union; and

12 WHEREAS, Milton McDaniel Sr. and his wife, Corene, have
13 worked to give back to their community of Carbondale; together
14 they founded the African American Museum of Southern Illinois;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The induction of Milton McDaniel Sr. into the
17 Union Hall of Honor on December 2, 2016 was in conjunction with
18 the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Great
19 Migration; and

20 WHEREAS, In recognition of this honor the Mayor of

1 Carbondale declared December 2, 2016 to be "Milton L. McDaniel
2 Sr. Day", proclaiming "in becoming the first African American
3 locomotive engineer north of the Ohio River, he tore down
4 racial barriers, dispelled stereotypes, and paved a previously
5 untraveled road for men and women from under-represented
6 populations in the North"; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 congratulate Milton L. McDaniel Sr. for his nearly 50
10 continuous years of union membership and recognize his
11 dedication, bravery, and pioneering spirit that has paved the
12 way for those that followed; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Milton McDaniel Sr. as an expression of our esteem
15 and respect.