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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Amelia "ART" Rucker 4 Thompson on the occasion of her art gallery opening at the 5 Center on Halsted on October 15, 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Amelia Rucker Thompson is a Chicago native, and 7 she is a Black woman with lived experience in the third largest 8 city in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Amelia Rucker Thompson is a wife of a veteran 10 with PTSD, and her passion and talent for creating artwork was 11 spurred at the Jesse Brown VA Hospital, where she discovered 12 Art Therapy as a coping mechanism for stress and a source of 13 emotional healing; when she is not creating art, she is a 14 licensed barber and cosmetologist; and

15 WHEREAS, Amelia Rucker Thompson uses her art to visually 16 portray a wide range of emotions and experience, and she uses 17 colors, shapes, lines, and images to communicate powerful 18 ideas, feelings, emotions, dreams, and aspirations; her 19 mediums of artistic expression are acrylic, oil, watercolor, 20 and ordinary things from everyday life; and

21 WHEREAS, Amelia Rucker Thompson seeks to create art that

HR0502 -2-LRB102 20942 LAW 29833 r 1 instills hope, universality, and altruism; she is inspired and 2 motivated to create by her love for seeing colors come together to form abstract paintings; her art style has been 3 described as Meditating Art, Abstract Expressionism, 4 5 Expressionism, Modern Art, and Action Painting, and her art is appreciated by a wide audience base and has broad appeal; and 6

7 WHEREAS, Amelia Rucker Thompson is a wife, mother, 8 grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and 9 friend to many; and

10 WHEREAS, Amelia Rucker Thompson will be showcasing her 11 artwork at the Center on Halsted at 3656 North Halsted, 12 Chicago on October 15, 2021; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE 14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 15 we congratulate Amelia "ART" Rucker Thompson on her art 16 gallery opening at the Center on Halsted, and we wish her the 17 best of luck in her future endeavors; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 19 presented to Amelia Rucker Thompson as an expression of our 20 esteem and respect.