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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to honor Frankie Knuckles and his work as the pioneer of house music; and

WHEREAS, While growing up in the Bronx during the 1960s, Frankie's earliest musical influences were jazz artists; after studying commercial art and costume design in his teens, Frankie found his true calling, spinning records; he crafted and began spinning at various legendary venues in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Frankie relocated to Chicago to become the resident DJ for the Warehouse, an after hours nightclub where the music genre "house" derived its name from, marking a pivotal event in modern music; and

WHEREAS, Frankie eventually moved into the recording studio, where his production and remixing skills equaled his genius in the DJ booth; he has produced and remixed songs for Diana Ross, Luther Vandross, Michael Bolton, Mary J. Blige, the Sounds of Blackness, Michael and Janet Jackson, Toni Braxton, The Pet Shop Boys, and others; he received a Grammy Award in 1997, becoming the first artist to be recognized in the "Remixer of the Year" category; he has served as a Governor and Trustee for the New York City chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, As an artist, Frankie has enjoyed the success of 2 Virgin Records releases, "Beyond the Mix" and "Welcome to the Real World"; Frankie continues to pack dance floors with his unique style; his many admirers and fans have given him the nickname "the Godfather of House"; and

WHEREAS, Frankie devotes and contributes much of his time

1 to a number of AIDS charities; he was inducted into the City of
2 Chicago's Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame in 1996; therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 honor Frankie Knuckles and his work as the pioneer of house
7 music; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Frankie Knuckles as an expression of our respect
10 and esteem.