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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The love of family is at the center of the African tradition, and also has been the religious, economic, and political unit encompassing a wide circle of extended kinship; and

WHEREAS, Families and their legacies of struggling with adversity, pursuing their dreams, and persevering through trials and tribulations are an integral part of the character and diversity of Illinois history; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those families who embody those values and who, through their good works, have contributed to the growth and development of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, A family with a singularly rich history is the Dismuke family, which has hailed from Arkansas for generations; over the years, the family has spread its roots to Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, California, and Missouri, to name a few states; and

WHEREAS, The first known member of the Dismuke family, Wiley Dismuke, was African-American and lived in Columbia County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, It is known that a gravesite in Ouachita County, Arkansas bears the name of "Good Hope Cemetery", and it is also known that there are other ancestors of the current Dismuke family line buried therein; and

WHEREAS, A determined and industrious family, the members of the Fricks family made their living as farmers and sharecroppers; and

1 WHEREAS, Wiley Dismuke and his wife, the former Tyann
2 Collins, were well-known and respected in the community for
3 their values of hard work and Christian love for their fellow
4 neighbors; and

5 WHEREAS, Florence Dismuke Hamilton, Bessie Dismuke Fricks,
6 Annie Dismuke Sims, Floyd Dismuke, Roy Dismuke, Dortha Dismuke,
7 Rollie Dismuke, Dee Willie Dismuke, Lee Willie Dismuke, and
8 Artis "Suga" Dismuke continued the legacy of the Dismuke
9 family; as a result, the Dismuke family has flourished and
10 extended itself across the entire United States; and

11 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we should pay tribute to the
12 Dismuke family, a model of family values and integrity;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 honor the ongoing legacy of the Dismuke family, commend their
17 love for each other and their pride in the family's heritage,
18 and extend to them best wishes for future reunions and
19 historical research; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Dismuke family.