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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the 4 FootworKINGz on the occasion of the release of the group's 5 first DVD, "Take Flight"; and

6 WHEREAS, The art of Footwork has gained popularity for over 7 20 years with its highly energized lower body movement, which 8 emphasizes constant rhythmic motions of the feet; footwork has 9 attracted diverse audiences by applying footwork dance moves to 10 various music genres, including rock, electronic, and swing 11 music; and

12 WHEREAS, The FootworKINGz have been on the Chicago scene as 13 a supergroup since 2007; the group has appeared on Ellen 14 Degeneres' Really Big Show for TBS, the VH-1 Hip Hop Honors with Missy Elliot, and MTV's My Block Party Chicago; the group 15 has been featured in the Chicago Tribune, NBC 5 Morning News, 16 Rolling Stone Magazine, and the Verizon Wireless "Do the Juke" 17 commercial; in addition, 6 of the group's members have appeared 18 19 on NBC's "America's Got Talent"; and

20 WHEREAS, FootworKINGz is composed of 12 members, which 21 include Kemo "King Kemo" Sanders, Charles "King Charles" Parks, 22 TJ "Mr. Westside", Boodilla, Christopher "Maddog" Thomas, HR0638 -2- LRB096 14886 GRL 29755 r
Jaron "Prince Jron" Boyd, Basic, Kendall "Hollywood K" Larkin,
AG, Pause Eddie, and Kenny Tyreese Footwork Livingston; the
group's manager and founder is Leila "Lady Sol" Villegas; and

4 WHEREAS, The FootworKINGz will celebrate the release of 5 their new DVD with an event at the Harold Washington Cultural 6 Center in Chicago on October 3, 2009; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, ΒY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 9 congratulate the members of the FootworKINGz on the occasion of 10 the release of the group's first DVD and for the group's 11 efforts to inspire the youth of the City of Chicago; and be it further 12

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 14 presented to Leila Villegas as a symbol of our esteem and 15 respect.