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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate and applaud the
4 members of the National Black Police Association (NBPA) for
5 their work in the communities of the State of Illinois and the
6 nation at large; and

7 WHEREAS, The NBPA was chartered as a not-for-profit
8 corporation in the State of Illinois following a historic
9 meeting in St. Louis, Missouri in November of 1972; and

10 WHEREAS, The NBPA was established to improve the
11 relationship between Police Departments as institutions and
12 the minority communities; to evaluate the effect of the
13 policies and programs within the Criminal Justice System upon
14 the minority community; to serve as a mechanism to recruit
15 minority police officers on a national scale; to work toward
16 police reform in order to eliminate police corruption, police
17 brutality and racial discrimination; and to educate police
18 officers to perform with professionalism and compassion; and

19 WHEREAS, The NBPA supports the philosophy of community
20 policing that calls for a true cooperative partnership between
21 the community and the police for safer communities; and

1 WHEREAS, The NBPA believes the influx of hard narcotics
2 into this country can only be controlled by a joint effort
3 between the supplying country and the federal government; the
4 organization also supports the allocation of more national and
5 local crime fighting resources toward the prevention of crime
6 and opposes the application of the death penalty in all
7 instances; and

8 WHEREAS, The NBPA supports national handgun legislation
9 that prohibits the continued manufacture of handguns and limits
10 their sales, possession, and use; and

11 WHEREAS, The NBPA devotes itself to the confrontation,
12 control, and elimination of police brutality in every police
13 department in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, The NBPA seeks to create a level playing field in
15 law enforcement through the support of numerous measures,
16 including residency requirements for officers, equal hiring
17 and promotion standards for female officers and applicants, and
18 the elimination of historical, institutional, and societal
19 barriers that denied criminal justice practitioners of color
20 and women equal access and opportunity; and

21 WHEREAS, The NBPA supports federal legislation that
22 prohibits the egregious practice of racial profiling and

1 supports legislation that holds the governmental entity, its
2 police department, and the offending officers liable for
3 violating the civil rights of citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, The NBPA supports the creation and support of
5 youth mentoring projects that have core values to empower our
6 youth and shield them from embracing negative media-imposed
7 images, government-inspired legislation, and criminal justice
8 policies and practices that criminalize and desensitize them
9 about the value of life, particularly life in the black
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of the NBPA serve as models of hard
12 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
13 Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate and applaud the members of the National Black
17 Police Association for their work and wish them continued
18 success in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the National Black Police Association as a symbol
21 of our esteem and respect.