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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph was noted for his work with
3 labor; his leadership role in the Civil Rights arena has always
4 been understated; he was the lead architect for the 1963 March
5 on Washington, D.C., for which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
6 received the credit; and

7 WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph, with the help of Bayard
8 Rustin and many others, set the tone and direction for a
9 proposed march on Washington in 1940, designed to ask the
10 nation's leaders to desegregate munitions plants; and

11 WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt desegregated
12 these plants during World War II with Executive Order 8802, the
13 Fair Employment Act; that Act set the tone for
14 African-American's in the labor movement in the United States;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph was the first
17 African-American to have a seat on the board of the AFL-CIO,
18 serving as Vice-President; and

19 WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph established the Brotherhood
20 of Sleeping Car Porters and the National Negro Congress; and

1 WHEREAS, The A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum in
2 Chicago has asked all of the residents of the State of Illinois
3 to honor this great labor leader on the occasion of his 123rd
4 birthday by proclaiming April 15, 2012 as A. Philip Randolph
5 Day in the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that April 15, 2012 be named
8 A. Philip Randolph Day in the State of Illinois, and that all
9 Illinoisans are invited to join in the celebration of his birth
10 at the A. Philip Randolph Museum in Chicago; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Dr. Lyn Hughes, founder of the A. Philip Randolph
13 Museum in Chicago, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.