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1                                    AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 9

2                    AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Resolution 9 as follows:

3                    by deleting everything and replacing it with the following:

4                    "WHEREAS, Dr. Webb Evans founded the United American  
5                    Progress Association in 1961; Dr. Evans believed in and worked  
6                    on the creation of economic prosperity for the black community  
7                    throughout the world through churches and political and  
8                    business leaders in accordance with the second phase of Dr.  
9                    Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision, changing the struggle from  
10                    Civil Rights to Economic and Political Empowerment; and

11                    WHEREAS, Dr. Evans' foundation created numerous ways to  
12                    improve economic conditions for black Americans by preparing  
13                    them to enter into the business world with the knowledge on how  
14                    to redirect their savings and spending power globally and  
15                    throughout the black communities; these black-owned businesses

1 would, in turn, create more jobs for blacks; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans also depended on other sources, such as  
3 black-owned press outlets, churches, and businesses, to get his  
4 message across to "Buy Black"; Dr. Evans believed that black  
5 dollars matter and that the black community must march with  
6 their dollars in order to accomplish what was not accomplished  
7 with the other previous marches across the globe; and

8 WHEREAS, The Neilson Report shows that the buying power of  
9 African Americans will reach \$1.1 trillion by 2015; if black  
10 consumers spend 10% more of their income in black businesses,  
11 the resulting revenue would generate 1 million jobs; in 2007,  
12 on the south side of Chicago, residents in predominately black  
13 neighborhoods spent a collective of \$3.8 billion outside of  
14 their own South Side communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Many trailblazers and influential leaders have  
16 stood for economic, social equality, and independence for  
17 African Americans throughout the world and have labored, fought  
18 for, and understood how it was, including Marcus Garvey, who  
19 fought for the collective economic interest of African  
20 Americans and created the Universal Improvement Association in  
21 1914; A. Philip Randolph, founder and co-editor of The  
22 Messenger, an African American socialist magazine, renowned  
23 black labor union organizer and civil rights worker, and

1 principal organizer and author of the March on Washington,  
2 where Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his historical "I Have A  
3 Dream" speech; W.E.B. Dubois, leader of the Niagara Movement, a  
4 group of African-American activists who wanted equal rights for  
5 blacks; and Malcolm X, one of the most pivotal figures in civil  
6 rights history; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 designate the month of August in 2017 as Buy Black, Love Black  
10 Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That we urge all citizens of this State to help  
12 build a solid economic foundation that would allow African  
13 Americans to shape their own destinies and maximize their  
14 economic interests through various means, including opening an  
15 account at a local black bank, supporting historically black  
16 colleges and universities, eating at black owned restaurants,  
17 hiring black real estate brokers, visiting black doctors and  
18 dentists for health care, getting building and other quotes  
19 from black contractors, visiting African-American museums and  
20 libraries, watching or renting black-produced films,  
21 subscribing to black newspapers, magazines, and websites,  
22 using black caterers and event planners, visiting black  
23 retailers, investing with a black-managed, publicly-traded  
24 firm, visiting a black cultural event, and participating in Buy

1 Black Wednesday by spending money with a black business every  
2 Wednesday."