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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the alumni and
4 current members of the Morehouse College Glee Club on the
5 centennial concert of the Glee Club, to be held March 6, 2012
6 at the Harris Theater in Millennium Park; and

7 WHEREAS, The Morehouse College Glee Club was founded in
8 1911 and is internationally acclaimed for its rich tradition of
9 performing a diverse repertoire, including standard classical
10 choral literature, music of African-American composers, and
11 heritage music, such as spirituals, work songs, and African
12 selections; and

13 WHEREAS, The membership of the Glee Club is comprised of
14 students throughout the United States and abroad; many study
15 music, but there are also students representing other majors
16 and academic departments of the college; and

17 WHEREAS, The Glee Club has toured around the world,
18 including Russia, Poland, South Africa, and the Bahamas; they
19 have performed at Super Bowl XXVIII, the 1996 Olympics, and at
20 the dedication of the Dr. Martin Luther King Monument in
21 Washington, D.C.; and

1 WHEREAS, The Morehouse College Glee Club is recognized as
2 the oldest all male glee club in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, During its history, it has had only 3 directors;
4 each successor director was a student of the previous director,
5 beginning with Glee Club founder Kemper Harreld, succeeded by
6 Wendell Phillips Whalum Sr., and continuing with current
7 director David E. Morrow; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate the alumni and current members of the Morehouse
11 College Glee Club on the centennial concert and wish them
12 continued success in the future; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Morehouse College Glee Club Director David E.
15 Morrow as a symbol of our respect and esteem.