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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kenyatta Jackson and  
4 Jonathan Riley on graduating from Chicago State University and  
5 being selected as Ms. and Mr. Chicago State University; and

6           WHEREAS, In order to qualify for Mr. and Ms. Chicago State  
7 University, students have to have a minimum GPA of 2.75,  
8 complete an application, and write a personal statement  
9 detailing their intended platform; after applications have  
10 been reviewed, students must participate in practice for the  
11 Mr./Ms. Chicago State University Pageant, which has several  
12 different categories, including opening introductions and  
13 platform speeches, school spirit, talent, and, career  
14 inspiration, and is judged by the campus community; and

15           WHEREAS, Kenyatta Jackson, Ms. Chicago State University,  
16 is a junior majoring in criminal justice and minoring in  
17 Spanish; she graduated from Evanston Township High School; she  
18 recently won a \$5,000 Thurgood Marshall College Fund  
19 scholarship through Wells Fargo; she currently serves as a  
20 Resident Assistant and has a GPA of 3.25; and

21           WHEREAS, Jonathan Riley, Mr. Chicago State University, is  
22 completing his final year as a collegiate undergraduate,

1 studying sociology, and minoring in media and television  
2 production; he graduated from Walther Lutheran High School and  
3 then attended Hampton University, where he excelled in dancing  
4 and performance arts; he left Hampton to enter the workforce in  
5 2001; he later joined Pastor Corey Brooks and Project HOOD, and  
6 they walked across the country for four months to bring  
7 awareness to gun violence in Chicago and inner cities  
8 throughout the nation; he then served as outreach coordinator  
9 for an incarceration alternative program for youth males ages  
10 13-18; after two years in that role, he transitioned to the  
11 Geneva Foundation, where he did similar work; and

12 WHEREAS, Jonathan Riley enrolled at Chicago State  
13 University in the fall of 2016; he served in leadership roles  
14 with Word Up!, TEMBO, Chicago State University's Upward Bound  
15 Program, WCSU radio, the first-year experience, and Greek life  
16 on campus; he is a member of the first class of Chicago State  
17 University Student Ambassadors and is President of the Theta  
18 Zeta of Kappa Alpha Psi; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate Kenyatta Jackson and Jonathan Riley on their  
22 graduation from Chicago State University and on being selected  
23 as Ms. and Mr. Chicago State University and commend their hard  
24 work and dedication in pursuing their education; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
3 presented to Kenyatta Jackson and Jonathan Riley as an  
4 expression of our esteem and respect.