



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 1982, T. C. Christian, Jr. created a grassroots
3 organization known as People United for Rights and Equality
4 (PURE); and

5 WHEREAS, In 1983, due to a lack of media coverage for the
6 PURE organization and due to an effort to highlight the voice
7 of the African-American community, T. C. Christian, Jr. founded
8 the PURE NEWS newspaper; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1983 as well as today, the PURE NEWS newspaper
10 credits and adopts one of the principles so eloquently spoken
11 by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he said, "If I can
12 just help somebody along the way, then my living shall not be
13 in vain,"; and

14 WHEREAS, The PURE NEWS newspaper began its initial
15 circulation of 3,000 copies in Springfield; today, the name has
16 been changed to PURE NEWS USA and it has a statewide
17 circulation of more than 50,000 readers with a goal of becoming
18 a national newspaper; and

19 WHEREAS, In remembrance of Samuel Cornish and John B.
20 Russwurm, founders of the first black press in 1827, PURE NEWS
21 USA is dedicated to preserving yesterday's rich heritage by
22 providing a voice for today which will tell the story and
23 promises to "tell it like it is"; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
26 congratulate the PURE NEWS USA newspaper on the occasion of its
27 20th anniversary; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to T. C. Christian, Jr. as an expression of our

1 respect and esteem.