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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Horace J. Livingston Jr.
4 of Decatur, publisher of The African American Voice, for his
5 work in the community; and

6 WHEREAS, Horace Livingston Jr. has published the paper for
7 forty years, he has been a tireless civil rights activist,
8 working for better paying jobs for African Americans, more
9 African-American teachers and administrators, and integration
10 of the public schools; and

11 WHEREAS, The paper evolved as the Voice from the Local
12 Association for Black Action (LABA), an organization dedicated
13 to seeking justice for African Americans in Decatur; the
14 organization fell apart because many local residents
15 considered the paper to be too radical; and

16 WHEREAS, Horace Livingston Jr. decided to keep the
17 newspaper operating; he started with a typewriter and sent the
18 copy to Astoria for publication, because no local printer would
19 publish it; in 1970 The Voice became the African American
20 Voice, at a cost of twenty-five cents; and

21 WHEREAS, Today the newspaper costs fifty cents and is a

1 staple of many churches and households in the Decatur and
2 Bloomington areas; and

3 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2007 Horace Livingston Jr. will be
4 honored with a program and reception at the Main Street Church
5 of the Living God in Decatur; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 honor Horace Livingston Jr. for his hard work and dedication to
9 making the City of Decatur a better place to live; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Horace Livingston Jr. as a symbol of our respect.