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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jeffrey Wright on
4 the occasion of being the recipient of the Gold Hugo Career
5 Achievement Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Wright was born on December 7, 1965 in
7 Washington, D.C.; he received his early education at St. Albans
8 School for Boys in Washington, D.C.; he attended Amherst
9 College in Amherst, Massachusetts, where he graduated with a
10 bachelor's degree in political science in 1987; after
11 graduation, he moved on to New York University on an acting
12 scholarship; he left NYU after 2 months to pursue his acting
13 career full-time; and

14 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Wright first received public acclaim in
15 his role in "Angels in America: Perestroika" in 1994, a
16 performance which earned him a Tony award; he went on to star
17 as artist Jean-Michel Basquiat in Julian Schnabel's 1996 film
18 "Basquiat"; since his spectacular debut, he has performed in
19 such movies as Shaft, Hamlet, Syriana, Casino Royale, and Lady
20 in the Water; he also appeared in a remake of Angels in America
21 for HBO in 2003, where he reprised his role as Belize; he
22 earned an Emmy, a Golden Globe, and the Black Reel Award for
23 his performance in Angels in America; and

1 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Wright is married to Carmen Ejogo;
2 together, they have one son; and

3 WHEREAS, The Chicago International Film Festival's Black
4 Perspectives Committee will present Jeffrey Wright with the
5 Gold Hugo Career Achievement Award at a ceremony on October 13,
6 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Wright's magnificent talent and
8 dedication to his craft makes him supremely deserving of both
9 the Gold Hugo Career Achievement Award and our greatest
10 respect; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Jeffrey Wright on the occasion of being the
14 recipient of the Gold Hugo Career Achievement Award and wish
15 him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Jeffrey Wright as a symbol of our esteem and
19 respect.