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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The future of our nation's productivity and
3 competitiveness in the global workplace depends on the success
4 of boys and girls, men and women; and

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WHEREAS, Women have been discriminated against in
6 education, the workplace, and society as a whole; and

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WHEREAS, The American Association of University Women
8 opens doors for women and girls and influences public debate on
9 critical social issues such as education, civil rights, and
10 workplace equity; and

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WHEREAS, The American Association of University Women
12 promotes excellence in academia for women through the
13 improvement of schools, communities, and fields of work for the
14 benefit of all; and

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WHEREAS, The American Association of University Women is
16 one of the oldest existing organizations dedicated to promoting
17 education and equity for women and girls; and

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WHEREAS, The American Association of University Women will
19 hold their annual Lobby Day at the Illinois State Capitol on
20 April 30, 2008; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Association of University Women was
2 founded on November 28, 1881; and

3 WHEREAS, The American Association of University Women of
4 Illinois advances the American Association of University
5 Women's 127-year legacy of leadership on behalf of women and
6 girls; and

7 WHEREAS, On April 22, 2008 Governor Rod Blagojevich
8 proclaimed Equal Pay Day in Illinois; the Census Bureau reports
9 that, on average, a woman earns 77 cents for every dollar
10 earned by a man; the numbers are even worse for women of color;
11 for the average woman's salary to equal that of a man in 2007,
12 she would have had to work from January 1, 2007, until April
13 22, 2008; Equal Pay Day raises awareness about this critical
14 gender pay disparity; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate the American Association of University Women on
18 Equal Pay Day in Illinois and on their annual Lobby Day; and
19 urge all the citizens of the State of Illinois to recognize the
20 value of education and an equitable society and the laudable
21 work of the American Association of University Women; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the American Association of University Women as a
3 symbol of our respect.