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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 Illinois WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Monarch Award 4 Foundation of Xi Nu Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, 5 Inc. on their 26th annual fundraiser, Chapeaux and Fedoras: A 6 Jazzy Afternoon, to be held on September 13, 2008; and

7 WHEREAS, The Monarch Award Foundation is a not-for-profit 8 organization whose mission is to provide education and social 9 services to the Chicago community; the Foundation has awarded 10 than \$600,000 scholarships charitable more in and contributions since its beginnings in 1983; and 11

12 WHEREAS, One of the Foundation's signature programs is The 13 Teen Esteem Program; each year the Foundation accepts 14 applications from teenage young ladies ranging in age 14-18 years in order to provide them with mentors and role models for 15 a full calendar year; as the young ladies graduate from high 16 17 school and attend college, they are monitored and tracked in order to note their successes; the Foundations purpose is 18 19 centered on the following with their mentorship of The Teen 20 Esteem girls: economic empowerment, scholastic achievement, service within the community, youth leadership, self esteem, 21 22 and strong moral character; and

HR1512 -2-LRB095 22452 KXB 52799 r 1 WHEREAS, The Foundation's major fundraiser is the annual 2 Monarch Awards Gala, which has been successfully executed for 3 the past 25 years; all profits from the Gala are used to 4 provide scholarships and donations to charitable 5 organizations; 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 create the founders and members of the Monarch Award Foundation 9 on their 26th annual fundraiser and wish them continued success 10 in helping and educating others; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 12 presented to Adrienne Upchurch, President of the Monarch Award 13 Foundation, as a symbol of our respect.