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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Steven M. Powell, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 881 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and resident of Mundelein, Illinois, on his election to serve the UFCW International Union and its Executive Board as an International Vice President on January 29, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Powell began his career in the Labor Movement in 1985 as a Union Representative with Local 881 UFCW after graduating from Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois, having earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Business and Political Science; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Powell helped Local 881 gain a strong voice in the Illinois political arena as he championed the fight to protect members' rights in the workplace in his capacity as Legislative Liaison , Assistant Director of Operations, and Executive Vice President before his election to Secretary-Treasurer in 1999; and

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WHEREAS, The UFCW International Union in Washington D.C. selected Mr. Powell to serve as Director of Political Affairs, and in that role he developed numerous educational and

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1 political programs for local and regional UFCW affiliates in  
2 the U.S. and Puerto Rico in support of issues and candidates  
3 working to advance the interests of working families; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has served as the Illinois State  
5 Central Committeeman in the 8th Congressional District since  
6 2002, was an elected Trustee for the Village of Mundelein from  
7 1997 to 2001, and has been a member of the Democratic National  
8 Committee since 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to his duties with the Local Union,  
10 Mr. Powell serves as Trustee for the UFCW Midwest Health  
11 Benefits Fund, Chairman of the Indiana Calumet Region Health  
12 and Welfare Fund, Trustee for the UFCW Local 655 Health and  
13 Welfare Fund, and on the Board of Directors of the  
14 International Foundation of Employee Benefits; and

15 WHEREAS, His charitable work includes service as a Board  
16 Member of the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls-South Campus;  
17 and he volunteers his time to organizations, including the  
18 NAACP, United Latinos of the UFCW, Coalition of Labor Union  
19 Women, UFCW Women's Network, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma  
20 Society; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell most recently led the efforts of the  
22 United Food and Commercial Workers International Union to

1 mobilize and educate affiliated locals and its members to help  
2 elect Barack Obama President of the United States during the  
3 2008 elections; and

4 WHEREAS, 1.3 million men and women across the United States  
5 and Canada are proud to call the United Food and Commercial  
6 Workers their union in a range of industries including retail  
7 food, meatpacking and poultry, food processing and  
8 manufacturing, and retail stores; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate Mr. Steven M. Powell on a successful career in the  
12 labor movement through his contributions to the men and women  
13 of the United Food and Commercial Workers representing many  
14 backgrounds and walks of life, but who come together as the  
15 UFCW for the shared goal of achieving the American Dream to  
16 protect and improve the livelihoods of all workers; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Steven M. Powell and to the membership of the  
20 United Food and Commercial Workers International Union as a  
21 symbol of his contributions to the American labor movement.