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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate B. Taylor for
4 singing the National Anthem on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011,
5 at the Inaugural Quicken Loans Carrier Classic game between
6 Michigan State and North Carolina on the USS Vinson near San
7 Diego, California; and

8 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama, Magic Johnson,
9 representing Michigan State, James Worthy, representing North
10 Carolina, and high ranking dignitaries, will join this
11 celebration of all veterans on the aircraft carrier that buried
12 Osama Bin Laden at sea; and

13 WHEREAS, B. Taylor, a multi-talented musician who plays 4
14 instruments, writer, and producer is the first since Michael
15 Jackson and only hip hop artist endorsed by the Gordy family
16 and the Motown Legends, including Pete Moore, Claudette
17 Robinson, Bobby Rogers of Smokey Robinson and the Miracles,
18 Mary Wilson of the Supremes, the Marvelettes, Martha Reeves and
19 the Vandellas, the Temptations, the Four Tops, and by the Cash
20 Family of country music fame; and

21 WHEREAS, Motown Legends Pete Moore, Claudette Robinson and
22 other Legends will attend the 2011 Quicken Loans Carrier

1 Classic in support of B. Taylor who they have titled as "the
2 Stevie Wonder of Hip Hop" and the "New Sound of Classic
3 Motown"; and

4 WHEREAS, B. Taylor's hit "Fire in Your Eyes" with NCIS star
5 Pauley Perrette has been submitted for consideration for
6 nomination at the upcoming 54th Annual Grammy Awards; it was #1
7 on the Billboard Hot R&B/Hip Hop Singles Sales chart for 2
8 weeks, #2 for 5 weeks, in the top 10 for 9 weeks, and hit #4 on
9 the Billboard Hot Singles Sales chart (all genres); and

10 WHEREAS, A 1996 graduate of Dunlap High School, B. Taylor
11 was a football and basketball star, University of Missouri
12 athlete, and United States Navy Veteran who was a member of the
13 All Navy-USA basketball team; he chose to pursue a career in
14 music over the National Football League; and

15 WHEREAS, B. Taylor, son of Bill and Willie Ann Taylor, most
16 enjoys returning home to share his inspiring message of hope,
17 faith, and honesty with students, including those of the Dunlap
18 and Peoria schools; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we commend B. Taylor on the honor of his singing the National
22 Anthem at this historic Veterans Day celebration and wish him

1 every success in his career; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to B. Taylor and his family as an expression of our
4 esteem.