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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of ABLE  
4 Central-Western Region, Naperville Chapter, for its many  
5 achievements as an Employee Business Partner in  
6 Alcatel-Lucent; and

7           WHEREAS, The Association of Black Laboratories Employees,  
8 Inc., (ABLE) was formed in 1970 to address placement and  
9 promotional concerns of black Bell Laboratories employees; and

10           WHEREAS, In January of 1985, ABLE, the Committee of AT&T  
11 Employees, and the Employee Focus Group (EFG) of AT&T  
12 Communications merged to form the Alliance of Black  
13 Telecommunications Employees, Inc.; and

14           WHEREAS, In September of 2000, ABLE divested again into 2  
15 entities, the Alliance of Black Lucent Employees, Inc., (ABLE)  
16 and the Alliance of Black Leaders of Avaya (ABL), to align with  
17 Lucent's spin-off of Avaya; and

18           WHEREAS, In December of 2006, ABLE incorporated Leaders of  
19 African Descent as part of its name to align with the merger of  
20 Alcatel and Lucent Technologies to form Alcatel-Lucent; and

1           WHEREAS, ABLE's goal is to develop a climate that supports  
2 all employees in realizing their full potential, thereby making  
3 Alcatel-Lucent a more successful enterprise and a more  
4 wholesome place to work; and

5           WHEREAS, ABLE is served by a nationally-elected Board of  
6 Directors and has 3 operating regions: Eastern, Southern, and  
7 Central/Western; and

8           WHEREAS, ABLE's national and local chapter programming  
9 occurs in support of 6 strategic thrusts: professional  
10 development, community action, networking, economic  
11 development, affirmative action advocacy, and spiritual  
12 enrichment; and

13           WHEREAS, Over the years, a significant improvement in the  
14 quality of work life allowed ABLE Central-Western Region to  
15 extend its focus to include self-help and community  
16 involvement; and

17           WHEREAS, The ABLE Central-Western Region, Naperville  
18 Chapter, serves as a model of diversity programming, community  
19 outreach, and professional development for the people of the  
20 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we congratulate the members of the ABLE Central-Western Region,  
3 Naperville Chapter, for its many accomplishments as an Employee  
4 Business Partner in Alcatel-Lucent and thank the organization  
5 for serving as an advocate in the African-American community  
6 and as a source of quality diversity programming, especially  
7 during Black History Month; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the ABLE Central-Western Region, Naperville  
10 Chapter, as a symbol of our high regard and respect.