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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph was noted for his work with  
3 labor, but it was his leadership role in the civil rights arena  
4 that has always been understated; he was the lead architect for  
5 the 1963 March on Washington, an event Dr. Martin Luther King  
6 Jr. is most credited for; and

7           WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph, with the help of Bayard  
8 Rustin and many others, set the tone and direction for the 1941  
9 March on Washington, which was designed to desegregate the  
10 nation's munitions plants; and

11           WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt desegregated  
12 these plants during World War II through Executive Order 8802,  
13 the Fair Employment Act; the Act set the tone for  
14 African-Americans in the labor movement in America; and

15           WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph was the first  
16 African-American to have a seat on the board of the AFL-CIO;  
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18           WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph and a few others established  
19 the first recognized labor union of African-Americans, known as  
20 the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Maids; and

1           WHEREAS, The A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum in  
2 Chicago has asked all of the residents of Illinois to honor  
3 this great labor leader on the occasion of his 123rd birthday  
4 by proclaiming April 15, 2012 as A. Philip Randolph Day in  
5 Illinois; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we designate the date of April 15, 2012 as A. Philip Randolph  
9 Day in the State of Illinois and urge the people of this State  
10 to join in the celebration of his birth at the A. Philip  
11 Randolph Museum in Chicago; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Dr. Lyn Hughes, founder of the A. Philip Randolph  
14 Museum in Chicago, for display in the museum.