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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate James Rivers
4 Thompson on the occasion of becoming the first Labor Man of the
5 Year Award recipient in the East St. Louis Federation of
6 Teachers Local 1220 IFT/AFT AFL-CIO's history; and

7 WHEREAS, James Thompson is a member of the East St. Louis
8 School District #189's Pupil Personnel Services Department; he
9 has served the members of the Board of Education in several
10 administrations as Principal, Supervisor, Faculty and Staff
11 Member; he has also served as the East St. Louis School
12 District 189 staff coordinator for the Senator James F.
13 Clayborne's Mentoring and Enrichment Youth Program at East St.
14 Louis Senior High School for 5 years; and

15 WHEREAS, James Thompson has been an active member of his
16 community; he serves as coordinator of the District 189's
17 annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing special effort for
18 volunteerism and the joint union's venture on volunteering with
19 the renovation of the Youth Annex to the Village Theatre of
20 Alorton, where students will receive complementary
21 after-school, Saturday tutoring, and training in various
22 fields of interest; and

1 WHEREAS, James Thompson is a member of the Greater Faith
2 Christian Church in Centreville; he was ordained as a Deacon on
3 March 25, 2012; he serves as the Assistant Chairman of the
4 Trustee Ministry and is a member of the Pastors Aide Ministry;
5 Deacon Thompson also participates in numerous church programs,
6 including Bible Study, Sunday School, Worship Service, and the
7 5th Sunday Fellowship Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, James Thompson and his loving wife, Martha, have
9 one daughter, Tashia Yvette (Maurice) Billups, and one dear
10 grandson, Arkim R. Lewis; and

11 WHEREAS, James Thompson serves as a model of hard work,
12 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
13 Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate James Rivers Thompson on the occasion of
17 winning the Labor Man of the Year Award and wish him continued
18 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to James Thompson as a symbol of our esteem and
21 respect.