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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor extraordinary events of the State
4 and those who celebrate them; and

5 WHEREAS, Timuel Black was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on
6 December 7, 1918, but was raised in Chicago, a place he loves
7 to call home; he is a revered and highly respected educator,
8 political activist, community leader, oral historian, and
9 philosopher; and

10 WHEREAS, After matriculating from Burke Elementary School
11 and DuSable High School in Chicago, Timuel Black enrolled at
12 Roosevelt University, where he received his bachelor's degree;
13 he later earned a master's degree from the University of
14 Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, After being drafted into the Army during World War
16 II, Timuel Black returned to school and became a social worker;
17 he has taught at a variety of high schools as well as colleges
18 and universities; he is a pioneer in the independent black
19 political movement and coined the phrase "end plantation
20 politics"; he is one of the top researchers on the topic of the
21 Great Migration and race relations in Chicago; and

1 WHEREAS, Timuel Black served as an advisor to Martin Luther
2 King Jr. throughout the 1960s and helped organize the Chicago
3 contingent to join the March on Washington; he was also a
4 prominent member of Mayor Harold Washington's administration
5 and campaign; and

6 WHEREAS, Timuel Black's legacy has inspired many to follow
7 their passions and work on behalf of social justice; he is also
8 the first recipient of the city of Chicago's Champion of
9 Freedom award; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we recognize Timuel Black for his many achievements and wish
13 him great success and happiness in the future; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Timuel Black as a symbol of our esteem and
17 respect.