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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Emma L. Wilson-King
4 Foundation recent honoree, the Honorable Milton Wharton,
5 retired Circuit Court Judge of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Emma L. Wilson-King Foundation was
8 established in 2009 as a civic and educational foundation
9 dedicated to the enhancement of the neighborhoods and community
10 of East St. Louis; the foundation is a non-profit organization
11 and was created to improve key elements of East St. Louis such
12 as public parks, gardens, buildings, neighborhood
13 organizations, and educational enhancement of both young and
14 old through schools and community center; and

15 WHEREAS, The Emma L Wilson-King Foundation is part of a
16 living legacy in memory of Mrs. Emma L Wilson-King, which is
17 formed out of her strong yet simple sense of caring and giving
18 regardless of personal wealth; she fostered relationships with
19 those both young and old and instilled in them a sense of
20 compassion to help others; and

21 WHEREAS, Judge Milton Wharton earned his law degree from
22 DePaul University in 1975 and was appointed an associate judge

1 in St. Clair County Circuit Court in 1976; in 1988, he was
2 elected a full circuit judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit;
3 known for his fairness and courtesy, he treated victims and
4 their families with respect and empathy as well as respecting
5 the rights of defendants; he is the recipient of many awards
6 including the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award, the
7 Whitney E. Young Jr. Service Award of the Boy Scouts of
8 America, and the Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice from the late Pope
9 John Paul II; he served as a member of the Southern Illinois
10 University at Edwardsville (SIUE) Foundation Board of
11 Directors and was named the SIUE Distinguished Alumnus of the
12 Year in 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, Honorees are those whose actions personify the
14 best in public service and education; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we recognize the Emma L. Wilson-King Foundation honoree, Milton
18 Wharton; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to honoree Milton Wharton.