

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Native Chicagoan Andre Braugher, actor and
3 producer, stepped forward to take part in the making of an
4 historically important, factually-based film by the ShowTime
5 Network that acknowledges on a national level the African
6 American contributions to the success of the historically
7 significant Pullman story and most importantly to America's
8 Labor History; and

9 WHEREAS, Andre Braugher was executive producer of the
10 film 10,000 Black Men named George, the factually-based
11 historically important film based on the life of labor
12 organizer and civil rights leader Asa Philip Randolph, who
13 faced racism and political corruption in a 12-year battle to
14 unionize railway porters in the 1920s and '30s; the porters
15 worked in demeaning conditions for shameful wages while the
16 powerful Pullman Company waged a campaign of fear fuelled by
17 the spreading of lies and destructive innuendo to the public
18 against Mr. Randolph and the porters; and

19 WHEREAS, Through that struggle the first African American
20 labor union was chartered in the United States under the
21 American Federation of Labor as the Brotherhood of Sleeping
22 Car Porters; and

23 WHEREAS, Many of those men and women were Illinoisans;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The telling of this story will help to introduce
26 this important overlooked piece of history as well as the
27 existence of the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, an
28 Illinois institution named in their honor for new generations
29 for years to come; therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
31 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that

1 we congratulate Andre Braugher for his excellence in acting
2 and the production of the film 10,000 Black Men Named George;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
5 to Andre Braugher with our most sincere gratitude.