

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize notable achievements
4 in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, For the past 53 years, Thornal Washington has
6 made a career out of civic service to the younger residents
7 of Chicago Heights; and

8 WHEREAS, Thornal Washington is a graduate of Dunbar High
9 School in Texarkana, Texas and receive his bachelor's degree
10 from Governors State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington began his career in civic service
12 in 1949, when he organized the Chicago Heights Improvement
13 Association and served on the Board of Directors for ten
14 years; from 1951 to 1961, he served as an Advisory Board
15 Member of Girl Scout Troop #621 in Chicago Heights; from 1951
16 to 1994, he served as a Board of Directors Member and fiscal
17 administrator of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago
18 Heights; from 1957 to 1966, he served as a member of the
19 Chicago Heights Planning Commission; from 1957 to 1963, he
20 served as the business manager for the Chicago Heights
21 Community Choir; from 1957 to 1961, he served as chief
22 organizer and coach of the Kool Kids Girls Softball Team in
23 Chicago Heights; and from 1959 to 1967, he served as a
24 community service worker for the Illinois Youth Commission;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington served from 1960 to 1962 as
27 Chairman of the South Suburban Law and Order Committee; in
28 1960, he organized and established the Chicago Heights
29 Community Youth Committee; in 1961, he organized and
30 established the East Chicago Heights Community Youth
31 Committee; from 1968 to 1973, he served as Corrections
32 Community Service Worker for the Illinois Department of

1 Corrections, Juvenile Division, Community Services; in 1971,
2 he organized a series of State-wide Governor's Conferences on
3 Youth; and from 1973 to 1976, he served as Corrections
4 Community Service Supervisor for the Illinois Department of
5 Corrections; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1974, Mr. Washington organized Hickory House,
7 a group home for juvenile boys, in Chicago Heights; in 1974,
8 he served as liaison for Bloom, Thornton, and Rich High
9 Schools to address the issue of student unrest, drugs,
10 vandalism, and assault; in 1975, he served as a member of the
11 Task Force on Regionalization for the Illinois Department of
12 Corrections; and in 1976, he served on the Illinois
13 Commission on Delinquency Prevention, which replaced the
14 Community Service Unit, for the Illinois Department of
15 Corrections; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington currently serves as Executive
17 Director of the Chicago Heights Community Youth Committee
18 District Supervisor for the Chicago Area Project, a position
19 he has held for over 20 years; and

20 WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Thornal Washington has
21 dedicated his life to serving the younger residents of
22 Chicago Heights; his dedication, commitment, and service has
23 set an example for them to follow for generations to come;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we honor Thornal Washington on his 53-year career of civic
28 service and commitment to the younger residents of Chicago
29 Heights; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
31 presented to Thornal Washington as an expression of our
32 esteem.