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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the partners and  
4 employees of Benford Brown & Associates, LLC (BB&A) on the  
5 occasion of the firm's 15th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, Benford Brown & Associates is a certified,  
7 minority, woman-owned CPA firm that provides auditing,  
8 accounting, and tax and small business consulting services for  
9 its clients, which include not-for-profit groups, State and  
10 local governments, higher education, and the professional  
11 service, mortgage brokerage, and construction industries; and

12           WHEREAS, Benford Brown & Associates was founded in late  
13 1996 by Alyssia Benford-Lee and Kimi Brown-Ellen; since its  
14 modest beginning, BB&A has grown exponentially with the  
15 addition of 3 partners, Timothy S. Watson and Michele D. Simon  
16 in Chicago and Katrina Battle-Bumpers in Miami, Florida; the  
17 partners all have an average of 12 years of auditing and  
18 accounting experience, with half of these years spent with 'Big  
19 4' accounting firms in major industries and the other half  
20 spent either within the internal audit departments or  
21 accounting departments of Fortune 500 companies; and

22           WHEREAS, The mission of Benford Brown & Associates is to

1 provide audit, accounting, tax, and consulting services that  
2 meet the highest standards within the public accounting  
3 industry; the firm's partners are committed providing the care  
4 and attention necessary to help each client manage and grow  
5 their business and its resources and help each of its clients  
6 to increase their knowledge of their business and its  
7 accounting and finance issues; and

8 WHEREAS, Benford Brown & Associates is fully accredited in  
9 the State of Illinois; its clients include major companies,  
10 such as the Boeing Corporation and the State Farm Insurance  
11 Company, as well as many not-for-profit and government  
12 organizations, such as the City of Chicago, the Illinois  
13 Department of Human Services, the Independent Living Solutions  
14 Center, and the H.E.A.R.T. Organization; and

15 WHEREAS, The partners and employees of Benford Brown &  
16 Associates serve as models of hard work, integrity, and  
17 dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore,  
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate the partners and employees of Benford Brown &  
22 Associates on the occasion of the firm's 15th anniversary and  
23 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Benford Brown & Associates as a symbol of our  
4 esteem and respect.