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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Thokozani Khupe, the Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Prime Minister Khupe is a founding member and Vice-President of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), one of the main political parties in the Republic of Zimbabwe; she has served as Deputy Prime Minister since February 11, 2009 and is a senior member of the Zimbabwean Parliament for the Makokoba constituency in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Prime Minister Khupe has been a stalwart advocate on issues that concern the challenges faced by women in Zimbabwe and throughout the world; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Prime Minister Khupe served in the Zimbabwe Amalgamated Railway Union (ZARU) in 1987; in 1991, she was elected to serve as Secretary of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions' Women's Advisory Council and as a General Council member; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Prime Minister Khupe will be the guest of honor and key note speaker at the Zimbabwe Trade & Cultural Expo's Annual Gala in Chicago, which brings together elite

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1 businessmen, investors, and event dignitaries to discuss
2 business and investment opportunities for the nation of
3 Zimbabwe; and

4 WHEREAS, Deputy Prime Minister Khupe serves as a model of
5 hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the
6 State of Illinois, the Republic of Zimbabwe, and the world at
7 large; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 honor Thokozani Khupe, the Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe,
11 for her work in women's issues and welcome her to the State of
12 Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Deputy Prime Minister Khupe as a symbol of our
15 esteem and respect.