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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are pleased to support the survivors of the 1921 Tulsa, Oklahoma race riot; and

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WHEREAS, Eighty years ago, the Greenwood Community in Tulsa, Oklahoma was bombed, burned, looted, and destroyed in less than 10 hours; several thousand people were displaced overnight and an estimated 300-3,000 persons were killed; and

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WHEREAS, Before his death, John Hope Franklin joined others in urging Congress to make it possible for the survivors of the Tulsa massacre to receive restitution; his father was among the displaced; and

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WHEREAS, A benefit to support the survivors of this tragic event will be held in Chicago on April 28, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, The contributions raised at this event will provide significant help to the remaining survivors; and

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WHEREAS, Harvard Professor Dr. Charles Ogletree will provide a historic background while three survivors, ranging from 91-105 years of age will give their personal recollections of what transpired on that tragic night in Tulsa's Greenwood

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1 area once known as the Black Wall Street; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we offer continued
4 support to the survivors of this tragic event; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the survivors of the 1921 Tulsa, Oklahoma race
8 riot as a symbol of our support.