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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the
3 Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend and
4 congratulate Reverend Oscar Walden, Jr. on the celebration of
5 the opening of The Oscar Walden, Jr. Exhibit on Wrongful
6 Convictions; and

7 WHEREAS, The Oscar Walden, Jr. Exhibit on Wrongful
8 Convictions will be held on Thursday, October 4th, 2012, from
9 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at The Chicago Theological Seminary; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1952, Rev. Oscar Walden, Jr. was falsely
11 accused, jailed, convicted, and served almost 14 years in
12 prison for a crime he did not commit; and

13 WHEREAS, Rev. Oscar Walden, Jr. earned his bachelor's and
14 master's degrees from Chicago State University, served as
15 minister at Quinn Chapel AME Church, Mt. Zion AME Church,
16 became a playwright, authored several books, and composed music
17 for the drama "Skipper", based on the life of Milton Lee Olive
18 III; and

19 WHEREAS, Rev. Oscar Walden, Jr. now ministers to prisoners
20 around the world through the People's Courts of Final Appeal
21 International World Outreach Global Ministry; and

1 WHEREAS, Rev. Oscar Walden, Jr. never gave up the fight to
2 prove his innocence; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 commend Rev. Oscar Walden, Jr. on his struggle to prove his
6 innocence and congratulate him on the opening of The Oscar
7 Walden, Jr. Exhibit on Wrongful Convictions; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Rev. Oscar Walden, Jr. as an expression of our
10 esteem and respect.