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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives are pleased
3 to honor W. "Bill" Williams, Jr. on his work with the Chicago
4 Convention and Tourism Bureau and his life's achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Williams, Jr. currently serves as Vice
6 President for Diversity/Sales of the Chicago Convention and
7 Tourism Bureau; he has been with the CCTB for more than 3
8 decades covering the Social, Military, Education/Ethnic,
9 Religious, and Fraternal Market (SMERF), and is a veteran of
10 over 40 years in the hospitality industry; and

11 WHEREAS, Bill Williams, Jr. is a founding board member of
12 the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners and the
13 Chicago Chapter of the Society of Government Meeting
14 Professionals; he is a member of Who's Who Among Black
15 Americans, Who's Who Black Chicago, and holds memberships in a
16 number of other organizations, including the Religious
17 Conference Management Association, International Association
18 of Hispanic Meeting Professionals, Rainbow Push Coalition,
19 president of the Rat Pack Chicago, former Grand Marketing
20 Director of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the
21 Elks of the Community Action, and board member of the Shoop
22 School 49ers's; he is on the board of trustees of the Chicago
23 Baptist Institute, a board member of the Academy of Travel and

1 Tourism for the Chicago Public Schools, and is a member of the
2 City Club of Chicago; he was recently elected as one of 50 men
3 of excellence by a poll of the Chicago Defender Newspaper; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Williams, Jr. is nationally recognized as a
5 leader in the cause of furthering racial equality and
6 opportunity in the convention and tourism industry; he is a
7 mentor to many people in the hospitality industry and has had a
8 tremendous impact on the economic growth and development of
9 Chicago's hospitality industry; he is the senior African
10 American in the U.S. in the convention bureau industry; and

11 WHEREAS, Bill Williams, Jr. was born in the Morgan Park
12 community of Chicago, where he has a street dedicated in his
13 honor and he is active in the betterment of his community; he
14 founded the Morgan Park Shoe Repair and Shine Parlor, now
15 called K & J Shoe Repair, and Shine Parlors and is more than
16 two decades old; it is an international company that provides
17 part-time employment for more than 30 people; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill Williams, Jr. received his business degree
19 from Chicago State University; he has been married to Sylester
20 Tillman Williams for 47 years and is father to Karen, Kevin,
21 and Keyth; he is a grandfather and lifelong member of Mt.
22 Calvary Baptist Church; he is a member of the Montford Point
23 Marines, Alpha Psi Fraternity, and the Quarter Century Club of

1 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; he is a 33rd degree Mason and a
2 Shriner; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we honor Bill Williams, Jr. on his time with the Chicago
6 Convention and Tourism Bureau and his life's achievements; and
7 be it further

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