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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Katrina Adams on becoming the first African-American to be named CEO of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Katrina Adams is only the fourth woman to hold the position and the first professional athlete; and

WHEREAS, Katrina Adams was born in Chicago and developed a love of tennis at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boys Club on the West Side of Chicago; she played throughout the City of Chicago, including at the Prairie Tennis Club, the Hyde Park Tennis Club, and the Midtown Athletic Club; she attended Whitney Young High School and went on to attend Northwestern University, where she majored in communications; while at Northwestern, she helped lead the Wildcats to a Big Ten Championship in Tennis in 1986; she was an NCAA All-American in 1986 and 1987 and she was the first African-American to become NCAA doubles champion in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Katrina Adams played for 12 years on the Women's Tennis Association tour, where she was ranked as high as No. 67 in singles and No. 8 in doubles; she captured 20 career doubles titles; and

1           WHEREAS, After retirement, Katrina Adams served as a  
2 national coach for the United States Tennis Association Player  
3 Development division; and

4           WHEREAS, Katrina Adams has been inducted into the  
5 Northwestern Hall of Fame, the USTA Midwest Section Hall of  
6 Fame, the Chicago District Tennis Hall of Fame, and the Black  
7 Tennis Hall of Fame; and

8           WHEREAS, While CEO of the USTA, Katrina Adams will focus on  
9 growing the development of young players in African-American  
10 and Hispanic communities; she will also continue to run the  
11 Harlem Junior Tennis and Education Program; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 congratulate Katrina Adams on becoming the first  
15 African-American to be named CEO of the United States Tennis  
16 Association; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That we recognize Katrina Adams on all of her  
18 accomplishments and wish her well in all her future endeavors;  
19 and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Katrina Adams as an expression of our esteem and  
2 respect.