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FEBRUARY 10, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring President Barack Obama, the first African-American  
2 President of the United States.

3 WHEREAS, The Honorable Barack Obama of Illinois was elected  
4 the 44th President of the United States on November 4, 2008,  
5 with 365 electoral votes; and

6 WHEREAS, Barack Obama is the first person to be elected  
7 President of the United States with African descent; and

8 WHEREAS, With a father from Kenya and a mother from Kansas,  
9 President Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. He was  
10 raised with help from his grandfather, who served in Patton's  
11 Army, and his grandmother, who worked her way up from the  
12 secretarial pool to middle management at a bank; and

13 WHEREAS, After working his way through college with the help

1 of scholarships and student loans, President Obama moved to  
2 Chicago, where he worked with a group of churches to help  
3 rebuild communities; and

4 WHEREAS, He went to Harvard Law School, where he became the  
5 first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review. Upon  
6 graduation, he returned to Chicago to teach constitutional law  
7 at the University of Chicago, and remained active in his  
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, The junior senator from the State of Illinois  
10 announced his candidacy for President almost two years ago,  
11 beginning his historic, barrier-busting bid for the nation's  
12 highest office; and

13 WHEREAS, Forty-five years after Dr. Martin Luther King  
14 delivered his historic "I have a dream" speech, millions of  
15 United States citizens gathered on the National Mall on January  
16 20, 2009, and watched on television to witness the historic  
17 Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, Barack  
18 Obama, the first African-American President of the United  
19 States; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the American people be commended for uniting  
21 to form a more perfect union in this historic election; and be  
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor President  
24 Barack Obama as the first African-American President of the  
25 United States.