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Signed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01-005R

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NAMING OF THE UNITED STATES
COURTHOUSE IN URBANA, ILLINOIS, AFTER JAMES R. BURGESS, JR.**

WHEREAS, James R. Burgess, Jr. served with heroism and distinction in World War II as a First Lieutenant and Commander of Charlie Company in the 761st Tank Battalion, United States Army, which was the first African-American armor unit to see combat in the European Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, James R. Burgess, Jr. was elected State's Attorney for Champaign County, Illinois in 1972, the first African-American to be elected to county-wide office in Champaign County, and served with distinction for four years; and

WHEREAS, James R. Burgess, Jr. was appointed United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois in 1977, which became the Central District of Illinois in 1978, and served in that position through 1982; and

WHEREAS, James R. Burgess, Jr. and his record of military and public service are worthy of remembrance so that they may be a source of pride and inspiration for future generations of Champaign County citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, to request that the Senior U.S. Senator from Illinois, the Honorable Richard J. Durbin; the Junior U.S. Senator from Illinois, the Honorable Mark Kirk; and the U.S. Representative for the 15th Congressional District of Illinois, the Honorable Timothy V. Johnson, pursue and take actions as necessary to name the United States Courthouse in Urbana, Illinois, after James R. Burgess, Jr. in recognition of his service on behalf of the United States of America, the State of Illinois, and the County of Champaign.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor