

House Resolution 133EX

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Third World Band; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Third World Band is an unprecedented group of musicians committed to the  
3 excellence of reggae music by combining Jamaican reggae and folk music with all strains of  
4 African rhythms, American pop, rhythm & blues, rap, and classical music; and

5 WHEREAS, Third World is one of the longest running and most diverse bands Jamaica has  
6 ever produced; and

7 WHEREAS, the group was born out of a drive to write and perform original material  
8 incorporating reggae, rock, and funk and a desire to tour and take music to a wider audience;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Third World has continued to blaze new trails for  
11 reggae music, and the group has traveled around the world several times spreading the  
12 message of Peace, Love, & Unity, living up to their title as reggae ambassadors; and

13 WHEREAS, to date, Third World has released a total of 23 albums as well as solo projects  
14 from Lead Singer William "Bunny Rugs" Clark and Guitarist Stephen "Cat" Coore and has  
15 received numerous awards, including the 1986 United Nations Peace Medal, the 1992 and  
16 1996 Jamaica Music Industry award for Best Show Band, and ten Grammy Award  
17 nominations, and they were inducted into the Reggae Walk of Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, the members of Third World are known for their gracious hearts, soulful lyrical  
19 storytelling, and extraordinary musical improvisation and will be performing at the 6th Annual  
20 Jerk Festival on September 4, 2011, at Panthersville Stadium, and it is abundantly fitting and  
21 proper that the successful music career of this fabulous band be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize Third World Band for 38 years of incredible music and  
24 commend their commitment to improving the lives of others.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Third World Band.