

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish  
3 to congratulate Paula Ann Sprecher on being named a winner of  
4 the Golden Apple Award; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Sprecher teaches visually impaired  
6 kindergarten and first grade students at Farnsworth School;  
7 she was recognized for more than teaching reading and  
8 writing; her dedication to go beyond the basics and motivate  
9 her students to feel good about themselves and to appreciate  
10 life earned her the Golden Apple Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Sprecher works to influence the development  
12 of her students by serving as a positive role model; she  
13 works diligently at laying the basic foundation of teaching  
14 proficiency in academics as well as in the area of  
15 blindness-specific skills in order to help each student grow  
16 into a happy, well-adjusted, and successful adult; and

17 WHEREAS, The Golden Apple Foundation is dedicated to  
18 recognizing and developing excellence in teaching; more than  
19 1,100 teachers from Cook, Lake, and DuPage counties were  
20 nominated for the award, which is presented to ten winners;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Sprecher, along with other winners of the  
23 award will receive a tuition-free fall-term sabbatical at  
24 Northwestern University, \$2,500, a personal computer from  
25 Apple, and induction into the Golden Apple Academy; the  
26 Golden Apple Academy consists of 170 expert teachers who work  
27 together to ensure that all children have the excellent  
28 teachers they deserve; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. Sprecher along with the other recipients  
30 will be honored at a ceremony on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at  
31 the Fairmont Chicago Hotel; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Paula Ann Sprecher on being named a winner of  
4           the Golden Apple Award, and we commend her for her dedication  
5           to educating and encouraging her students; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to Paula Ann Sprecher as a token of our respect and  
8           esteem.