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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate John Heath on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Director of Bands at Batavia High
5 School after 22 years of dedicated service; and

6 WHEREAS, John Heath earned his bachelor and master degrees
7 in music education and his bachelor's degree in tuba
8 performance from the University of Illinois in
9 Champaign/Urbana; and

10 WHEREAS, Prior to his tenure at Batavia High School, John
11 Heath served as Director of Bands in Highland Illinois for 12
12 years; he was also a member of the St. Louis Philharmonic
13 Orchestra for 10 seasons and a past president of the Illinois
14 Music Educators Association; and

15 WHEREAS, John Heath has conducted at the Illinois Summer
16 Youth Music Camp and numerous IMEA District Band Festivals
17 throughout the State of Illinois; he is also a Tri-M (Music
18 Honor Society) Sponsor at Batavia High School; and

19 WHEREAS, John Heath has been the recipient of numerous
20 honors for his work in music education, including the 2009 "Mr.
21 Holland's Opus" Award, the 2004 Kane County Regional

1 Superintendent's Award for Teaching Excellence, the Illinois
2 State Board of Education "Those Who Excel" Teaching Award, and
3 the 1998 Chicagoland Outstanding Music Educator Award; he is an
4 8-time recipient of Who's Who Among America's Teachers and a
5 2-time recipient of the National Band Association Citation of
6 Excellence; he was also a candidate for the Illinois Teacher of
7 the Year award and was recognized in Who's Who in America; and

8 WHEREAS, John Heath serves as a model of hard work,
9 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
10 Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate John Heath on the occasion of his retirement
14 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to John Heath as a symbol of our esteem and respect.