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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The State song, "Illinois", with lyrics by Civil War veteran, Charles H. Chamberlain, and music by Archibald Johnston, was adopted as the official State song of Illinois by the 54th General Assembly on June 30, 1925; and

WHEREAS, "Illinois", when played, should instill a sense of pride in all residents of the Prairie State; and

WHEREAS, The lyrics of "Illinois" serve to depict the beauty and wondrous history of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his presidency, while serving as toastmaster at a reunion of the Army of the Potomac, William McKinley congratulated Charles H. Chamberlain for having "written a song which will never die"; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is the proud home of four U.S. presidents - Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Ronald Reagan, and Barack Obama; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Illinois constitutional officers, members of the Illinois House of Representatives, and members of the Illinois Senate to

1 encourage the playing of the official State song, "Illinois",
2 at all official events; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we urge our State colleges and universities
4 to play "Illinois" at their commencement exercises; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 delivered to Illinois constitutional officers, the Speaker of
8 the Illinois House of Representatives, the President of the
9 Illinois Senate, as well as the presidents of State colleges
10 and universities, the Chairpersons of the Boards of Trustees
11 for State colleges and universities; and be it further

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13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 delivered to Stanley D. Banash as a recognition of our thanks
15 for his initiative and proposal of this resolution.