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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Illinois Symphony
4 Orchestra on the occasion of its 30th anniversary in central
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois Symphony Orchestra was formed in
7 1993 as a consolidation of two well established organizations,
8 the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Association and the
9 Bloomington-Normal Symphony Society; and

10 WHEREAS, The Illinois Symphony Orchestra is central
11 Illinois' largest professional orchestra, serving over 35,000
12 patrons in the communities of Bloomington-Normal, Springfield,
13 and the surrounding region through its symphony orchestra
14 concerts, chamber orchestra concerts, and educational outreach
15 concert program, Concerts for Kids; and

16 WHEREAS, Recognizing that live music has the potential to
17 transform, rejuvenate, encourage, and inspire, the Illinois
18 Symphony Orchestra proudly serves as a vital cultural
19 resource, an educational partner, and an invaluable
20 enhancement to the quality of life in Springfield and
21 Bloomington-Normal; and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois Symphony Orchestra performs in
2 Bloomington-Normal at the Bloomington Center for the
3 Performing Arts and the Second Presbyterian Church and in
4 Springfield at the Sangamon Auditorium and the First
5 Presbyterian Church; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois Symphony Orchestra has appeared at
7 Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall in New York; it has also
8 performed statewide, with appearances at the Illinois State
9 Fair, Millennium Park in Chicago, and the Ravinia Festival in
10 Highland Park; and

11 WHEREAS, The Illinois Symphony Orchestra has been actively
12 involved in community engagement, including its 2009 Lincoln
13 Bicentennial Celebration that involved over 1,000 performers
14 and was named the Community Event of the Year by the Illinois
15 Council of Orchestras and its commemorative concert for the
16 150th Anniversary of the Lincoln Funeral Train in 2015 that
17 included over 250 performers from throughout central Illinois;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In recent years, the Illinois Symphony Orchestra
20 has striven to continue entertaining and inspiring during
21 COVID restrictions through its Get to Know the ISO series
22 featured on its YouTube channel; and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois Symphony Orchestra was recently
2 selected to be on the list of the top eight things visitors
3 should see or do in Illinois by the website Only In Your State;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate the Illinois Symphony Orchestra on the
8 occasion of its 30th anniversary, and we thank current Music
9 Director Ken Lam and all of the orchestra's musicians for
10 enriching the lives of Central Illinois residents.