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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize the Belleville Black Knights  
4 Drum & Bugle Corps on the occasion of celebrating its 70th  
5 anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The Belleville Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps  
7 was organized by Forrest T. Creson and Vernon Poole in  
8 Belleville in 1953; and

9           WHEREAS, The Belleville Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps  
10 represented the City of Belleville and the State of Illinois  
11 in performances and competitions throughout the United States  
12 and Canada; and

13           WHEREAS, From 1953 through 1990, the Belleville Black  
14 Knights Drum & Bugle Corps provided an opportunity for youth  
15 between the ages of 12 to 21 throughout Southern Illinois to  
16 learn the principles of music and visual performance,  
17 responsibility, self-discipline, and comradery; and

18           WHEREAS, The Belleville Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps  
19 successfully won five national championships and 24 state  
20 championships and were finalists in 25 national championships;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, The Belleville Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps  
2 will celebrate its 70th anniversary with a reunion to be held  
3 at the Catholic War Veterans Post 370 located in Belleville on  
4 August 26, 2023, with the event featuring guest speaker Major  
5 General Jeffrey T. Pennington of the U.S. Air Force, a member  
6 of the Black Knights in the 1970s, and entertainment being  
7 provided by the Ainad Shrine Drum & Bugle Corps and The Ancient  
8 & Honorable Drummers of the Black Knights; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we recognize the Belleville Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps  
12 on celebrating its 70th anniversary; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That we commend all members of the Belleville  
14 Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps for their dedication and hard  
15 work; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the Belleville Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps  
18 as an expression of our esteem and respect.