



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park
3 celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 10, 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, Construction of the high school (the first high
5 school in Consolidated District 230) began in May 1953, and by
6 September 1954, classes were in session; the school was the
7 first in the nation named for the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet
8 and Illinois native; District 230's board chose to name the
9 school for Sandburg because it wanted to honor a living person
10 who had made an important contribution to education; and

11 WHEREAS, Carl Sandburg himself attended the building's
12 formal dedication ceremony on October 10, 1954, speaking to
13 more than 2,000 people, including 525 students; the ceremony
14 was to last an hour, with 45 minutes allotted for Sandburg,
15 however, he entertained the audience for nearly two hours,
16 singing and playing his guitar; and

17 WHEREAS, Carl Sandburg High School currently serves more
18 than 3,500 students; it has a staff of 235, 72 percent of which
19 have a master's degree or beyond; 82 percent of the Class of
20 2004 are continuing their formal education by attending more
21 than 100 post-secondary institutions, and there have been more
22 than 26,000 graduates; and

23 WHEREAS, Carl Sandburg High School is a recipient of the
24 National Excellence in Education Award; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
27 congratulate Carl Sandburg High School on the occasion of the
28 celebration of its 50th anniversary and we commend the faculty,
29 staff, students, and parents on achieving the National
30 Excellence in Education Award; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Carl Sandburg High School with our best wishes for
3 continued success in the future.