



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, David L. Hollander, eighth-grade language arts
3 and social sciences teacher at Kennedy Junior High School in
4 Lisle was one of 10 Chicago-area teachers to win a 2005 Golden
5 Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollander has taught at Kennedy Junior High
7 School for 14 of his 16 years in Naperville Unit District 203;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, His students say they are not afraid to make
10 mistakes in Mr. Hollander's class; that he expects the best out
11 of people and makes them feel good about their ability; a
12 Golden Apple observer said Mr. Hollander teaches with passion,
13 energy, humor, and intelligence and his teaching methods
14 motivate his students to become life-long learners; and

15 WHEREAS, It is said that he "walks the walk and talks the
16 talk", that he is a teacher kids talk about at the dinner table
17 and that he makes history come alive; and

18 WHEREAS, The Golden Apple Awards rotate annually among
19 grades Pre-K-3, 4-8, and 9-12; the Golden Apple Foundation is
20 dedicated to recognizing and developing excellence in
21 teaching; the award was the idea of Golden Apple founder Martin
22 J. "Mike" Koldyke, who felt that excellent teachers were not
23 receiving adequate recognition for their important
24 contribution to society; modeled after the Academy Awards, the
25 Golden Apple Awards are broadcast each spring on Chicago public
26 television station WTTW/11; and

27 WHEREAS, Every year since 1986, the Golden Apple Foundation
28 has chosen 10 outstanding teachers to receive this prestigious
29 award; these teachers become lifetime members of the Golden
30 Apple Academy of Educators; this year, a total of 747 teachers

1 from Cook, Lake, and DuPage counties were nominated for the
2 award; this is the 20th anniversary presentation of the awards;
3 thirty-two finalists were named in January; and

4 WHEREAS, Each of the 10 Golden Apple Award winners receive
5 a tuition-free fall-term sabbatical at Northwestern
6 University, a personal computer from Apple, \$2,500, and
7 induction into the Golden Apple Academy, which now numbers 190
8 expert teachers who work together to ensure that all children
9 have the excellent teachers they deserve; and

10 WHEREAS, The Awards selection committee is comprised of
11 more than 70 Chicago-area educators; two committee members
12 observed each of the 32 finalists in their classroom and
13 interviewed their principal and selected colleagues, parents,
14 and students; and

15 WHEREAS, The winners will be honored at an award ceremony
16 on May 7, 2005 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, which
17 subsequently will be aired as a one-hour prime-time special on
18 WTTW/Channel 11; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we recognize and congratulate David L. Hollander on winning a
22 2005 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, applaud his
23 rapport with and commitment to his students and his love of
24 teaching, and wish him many more years in the field of
25 education; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to David L. Hollander as an expression of our utmost
28 admiration and esteem.