



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Marist High School, a Catholic college
3 preparatory school in Chicago, is honoring four of its English
4 teachers at "A Salute to the Bards" at Bourbon Street in
5 Merrionette Park, April 23, 2005; the honorees are Mike Leahy,
6 Larry Malito, Bob Meyers, and Larry Ormond; and

7 WHEREAS, The ceremony will recognize the four English
8 teachers for their many contributions to the school and
9 exceptional instruction of their students; and

10 WHEREAS, On September 9, 1963, the doors of Marist High
11 School opened with 320 young men enrolled as the charter class;
12 in the Fall of 2002, the high school entered a new beginning in
13 its history as it became a coeducational school; the full
14 transition to coed will be completed in the 2005-2006 academic
15 year; and

16 WHEREAS, Mike Leahy joined Marist in 1968; in addition to
17 his course work, he has written several comedic Christmas plays
18 that featured the school's faculty; he also chaperoned students
19 on more than 20 school-sponsored trips to Quetico Park in
20 Ontario, Canada, where students and faculty canoe, hike, and
21 camp in a wilderness retreat; for over 25 years, Mr. Leahy
22 challenged the minds of young men in his legendary creative
23 writing class; he currently serves as the school's Scholastic
24 Team moderator; he earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola
25 University and master's degree from the University of Virginia;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Larry Malito came to Marist in 1965; in addition
28 to his course work, he was English Department chairman for more
29 than 20 years; his passion for English literature was matched
30 only by his passion to teach and shape the minds of young men;
31 the students will be forever grateful for his kindness and

1 humor, especially studying Shakespeare; he earned his
2 bachelor's degree from Loyola University and master's degree
3 from Chicago State University; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Meyers joined Marist in 1966 and was English
5 Department chairman prior to Larry Malito; in addition to his
6 course work, he has directed several school plays and musicals
7 during his Marist career; he earned his bachelor's degree from
8 Saint Mary's University and master's degree from Chicago State
9 University, Loyola University, and IIT; and

10 WHEREAS, Larry Ormond came to Marist in 1966 and was the
11 school's first speech team moderator; in addition to his course
12 work, he has also been a referee for intramural sports for 25
13 years and an actor in Mike Leahy's Christmas plays; he earned
14 his bachelor's and master's degrees from DePaul University; and

15 WHEREAS, All four men have been outstanding instructors and
16 role models to the thousands of young men and women they have
17 taught; combined, they have 155 years of service, which is a
18 reflection of their hard work, dedication, and love for Marist;
19 all four men, as the school song goes, have been "loyal and
20 true" Marist men; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we recognize and commend Mike Leahy, Larry Malito, Bob Meyers,
24 and Larry Ormond for their love of teaching; through their
25 dedication and commitment, they have shown themselves to be
26 outstanding educators and role models; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
28 presented to Mike Leahy, Larry Malito, Bob Meyers, and Larry
29 Ormond as an expression of our esteem.