



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to honor citizens who have made
4 significant contributions to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, For the past 60 plus years, Mr. Wilson Warrner of
6 Tonica has recited the Gettysburg Address entirely from memory
7 at the Memorial Day services in Tonica; his recitation of the
8 speech has always been moving and truly conveys the meaning
9 behind the words spoken by the sixteenth president of the
10 United States; he recited it at the services for the final time
11 in 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Warrner is being honored by the Tonica
13 American Legion with a bronze plaque to be placed on the spot
14 where he has recited his rendition of the Gettysburg Address;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, He was selected from more than 100 people who
17 attended an open audition to be featured in a video that airs
18 at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield; the
19 video features 26 different people and one family, including
20 two former presidents and several other well-known
21 politicians, reciting portions of the Address in spots that
22 last about 4 seconds each; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we honor Mr. Wilson Warrner for his incredible ability to
26 recite the entire Gettysburg Address from memory in a moving
27 and emotional way that conveys the true message of the speech,
28 and we congratulate him on being honored by the American
29 Legion; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mr. Warrner as an expression of our deep respect
2 and esteem.