



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Billy Grammer, a
4 legendary country and western singer and musician, on the
5 occasion of the celebration of his 80th birthday on August 28,
6 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, The oldest of 13 children, Mr. Grammer was born in
8 1925; he was a 1943 graduate of Valier High School and served
9 in the U.S. Army; a Franklin County native, he now lives near
10 Valier with his wife of 60 years, Ruth; and

11 WHEREAS, He started playing the fiddle when he was five,
12 but it was playing the guitar and later making guitars that
13 brought him both fame and fortune; in 1958, he formed his own
14 band and signed a recording deal with Monument Records; and

15 WHEREAS, His success in music led him to the stage of the
16 Grand Ole Opry, where he was inducted as a member in 1959, and
17 to millions of miles in travel and appearances on The Ed
18 Sullivan Show, Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Bill
19 Anderson's Backstage Opry, Hee Haw, and others; he also worked
20 as a musician for Patsy Cline and Grandpa Jones and as a
21 session leader for Charlie Pride, Louis Armstrong, George
22 Jones, and Ernest Tubb; 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 extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to
26 Billy Grammer on the occasion of his 80th birthday; we commend
27 him for achieving a long and fulfilling life and wish him
28 continued happiness and good health in the future; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Billy Grammer as an expression of our respect and
2 esteem.