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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the  
4 Champaign Central High School Jazz Ensemble on the occasion of  
5 being invited to the 13th annual Essentially Ellington High  
6 School Jazz Band Competition & Festival in New York City on May  
7 15-17, 2008; and

8           WHEREAS, The Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band  
9 Competition & Festival is an annual event that is one of the  
10 most innovative jazz education events worldwide; every year,  
11 high school musicians from across North America travel to New  
12 York City to spend three days immersed in workshops, jam  
13 sessions, rehearsals, and performances at the Frederick P. Rose  
14 Hall, the home of Jazz at Lincoln Center; and

15           WHEREAS, The Competition & Festival, held every May, is the  
16 culmination of the year-long Essentially Ellington program,  
17 during which Premium members are invited to submit a recording;  
18 15 finalist bands are selected through a rigorous screening  
19 process to receive an in-school workshop in their community led  
20 by a professional musician; the band then travels to New York  
21 City to perform before Wynton Marsalis and a panel of esteemed  
22 judges; and

1           WHEREAS, The members of the Champaign Central High School  
2 Jazz Ensemble are Brett Anderson, Andrea Miskimins, Braden  
3 Anderson, Michael Anderson, Evan Slazinik, Adam Hawthorne, Ben  
4 Peden, Cassie Bugbee, Daniel Robinson, Javed Hassan, Jonathon  
5 Ervin, Andrew Johnston, Chris Anderson, Taylor Dillon, Tim  
6 Frye, Travis Hoyne, Allison Chouinard, Alice Beberman, Chelsea  
7 Hart, Sam Peters, Ben Donaldson, Nate Sokolski, and Jordan  
8 Lange; the ensemble's director is John Currey; and

9           WHEREAS, The great talent and dedication exhibited by the  
10 members of the Champaign Central High School Jazz Ensemble is  
11 worthy of the greatest respect; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 congratulate the members of the Champaign Central High School  
15 Jazz Ensemble on the occasion of being invited to the 13th  
16 annual Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition  
17 & Festival and wish them continued success and happiness in the  
18 future; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Champaign Central High School Jazz Ensemble  
21 Director John Currey and the members of the Champaign Central  
22 High School Jazz Ensemble as a symbol of our esteem and  
23 respect.