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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Carmon DeLeone on
4 the occasion of his retirement as music director and conductor
5 of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra after 25 years of
6 dedicated service; and

7 WHEREAS, Carmon DeLeone earned his bachelor of music,
8 bachelor of science, and master of music degrees from the
9 Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music; he has also served at
10 the Conservatory as an adjunct assistant professor of opera and
11 music theatre; and

12 WHEREAS, Under Carmon DeLeone's leadership, the Illinois
13 Philharmonic Orchestra has expanded the scope and content of
14 its musical programming; during his tenure, the IPO was named
15 the 2010 "Professional Orchestra of the Year", an honor also
16 awarded to the orchestra in 1992; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Illinois
18 Philharmonic Orchestra, Carmon DeLeone has been music director
19 of the Cincinnati Ballet for 42 years; during his 12-year
20 tenure as Assistant, and later Resident Conductor of the
21 Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, he served on the orchestra's
22 staff with Music Directors Max Rudolf, Thomas Schippers, Walter

1 Susskind, and Erich Kunzel; he has served as music director of
2 the Middletown Symphony in Ohio for 29 years; he has served as
3 conductor and host of the "Family Concert" Series at New York's
4 Carnegie Hall and has conducted frequent performances with the
5 Luxembourg Philharmonic Orchestra in Europe; he made his New
6 York conducting debut with the Alvin Ailey American Dance
7 Theater at New York's City Center; and

8 WHEREAS, Carmon DeLeone has composed many original scores
9 for the ballet, most recently the work entitled Princess and
10 the Pea; his best known work, the full-length ballet Peter Pan,
11 is enjoying continued praise in major cities from coast to
12 coast and abroad; he conducted the debut of Peter Pan in London
13 during a 28-performance run with the Atlanta Ballet at the
14 prestigious Royal Festival Hall; his list of ballet score
15 creations also includes Frevo, Guernica, With Timbrel and Dance
16 Praise His Name, and Ruth Page's Billy Sunday, which was
17 nationally televised in 1983, featured in a WTTW-PBS
18 documentary in 2007, and remounted by the IPO that same year;
19 he most recently premiered Fanfare, Funk, and Fandango (An
20 American Dance Set); and

21 WHEREAS, As a pops conductor, Carmon DeLeone has performed
22 in concert with many famous artists, including Ella Fitzgerald,
23 Tony Bennett, George Burns, Jerry Lewis, and Bill Cosby; he has
24 been a French horn soloist with orchestras throughout the

1 United States, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico, playing
2 both the classics and jazz; he hosted the very popular "Sunday
3 Morning Music Hall" on Cincinnati Radio Station WRRM (98.5 FM)
4 for 16 years; he has also been featured in concert broadcasts
5 on Chicago's WFMT (98.7 FM); and

6 WHEREAS, In 1995, Carmon DeLeone was named the "Illinois
7 Music Director of the Year" by the Illinois Council of
8 Orchestras; he is also the recipient of the Cincinnati College
9 Conservatory of Music's Distinguished Alumni Award and the
10 Post-Corbett Award for excellence in the arts; and

11 WHEREAS, Carmon DeLeone and his wife, Kathy, have played
12 integral roles in the development of the south suburban region
13 in the perspective of art and culture; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite his retirement, Carmon DeLeone will
15 continue to serve the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra as
16 director laureate; as director laureate, he will make
17 occasional guest appearances at the annual Holiday Concert and
18 direct the Young People's Concert series; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Carmon DeLeone on the occasion of his
22 retirement and wish him many happy and healthy retirement

1 years; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Carmon DeLeone as a symbol of our esteem and
4 respect.