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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor W. Thomas (Tom) Clark of
4 Newton for his 50 years of service as the "Voice of the Newton
5 Eagles"; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Clark has had a long and distinguished tenure
7 as the play-by-play announcer in the broadcast booth for all
8 Newton Eagle home football games; and

9 WHEREAS, Tom Clark announced his last home game on October
10 21, 2011 for the Newton Eagle vs. Breese Mater Dei matchup at
11 Chizevsky Field; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Clark was born in 1940; he is a long-time
13 resident of Newton; and

14 WHEREAS, Tom Clark graduated from Newton Community High
15 School in 1958 and began his football play-by-play announcing
16 in the fall of 1962, missing only two games during his 50 year
17 stint; and

18 WHEREAS, Thousands of student Jasper County athletes
19 demonstrated their talents and character on the football field
20 during the approximately 225 games Tom Clark announced; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom Clark continues to serve as a model of
2 commitment, integrity, and dedication for the people of Newton
3 Community High School, the City of Newton, Jasper County, and
4 the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we honor W. Thomas Clark for his 50 years of service to NCHS
8 football, congratulate him on his recent retirement, and wish
9 him continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to W. Thomas Clark as a symbol of our esteem and
13 respect.