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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois takes great pride in
3 celebrating the artistic talents and historic accomplishments
4 of its diverse citizenry, representing communities large and
5 small; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
7 Representatives wish to raise their collective baton in
8 recognition of the 130th anniversary of the Woodstock City
9 Band; and

10 WHEREAS, The Woodstock City Band, funded and supported by
11 the City of Woodstock and the Woodstock Opera House, is widely
12 respected as one of the oldest city bands in the United States;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Woodstock City Band has enjoyed several
15 identities, forming in 1884 under the leadership of Frank W.
16 Medlar as the Woodstock Spring City Band; for many years, the
17 band was known as the Oliver Typewriter Band, featuring
18 employees of the renowned Oliver Typewriter Company; and

19 WHEREAS, The Woodstock City Band is led by Conductor Duane
20 Peiffer, who has also masterfully taught and directed music
21 students in Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 since

1 1992; and

2 WHEREAS, The Woodstock City Band is comprised of a group of
3 outstanding musicians, who perform free weekly summer concerts
4 on the historic Woodstock Square, delighting audiences that
5 often number over 800 local seniors, families, children, and
6 devoted music lovers each week; and

7 WHEREAS, The Woodstock City Band showcases the exceptional
8 talent of many graduates of local music education programs and
9 their instructors, with performers' ages ranging from high
10 school students to octogenarians and some touting decades of
11 Woodstock City Band membership; and

12 WHEREAS, The repertoire of the Woodstock City Band consists
13 of canonical works, adaptations of popular favorites, and
14 original compositions; the most recent work was commissioned
15 specifically in honor of the band's 130th anniversary; and

16 WHEREAS, Woodstock City Band performances and their
17 accompanying "ice cream socials" are events that have
18 established a long tradition of old-fashioned,
19 quintessentially Midwestern, summertime community gatherings
20 on the Woodstock Square, bringing families and neighbors
21 together and welcoming and entertaining visitors from
22 throughout McHenry County; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate the members of the Woodstock City Band on the
4 occasion of its 130th anniversary and thank them for their
5 dedication to the City of Woodstock and its residents; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the Woodstock City Band as a symbol of our esteem
9 and respect.