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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the members of the Morton  
4 High School Marching Band on the occasion of being the 2015  
5 State of Illinois Class 2A Champions; and

6           WHEREAS, The Morton High School Marching Band has been  
7 widely recognized as a top performing program in the State of  
8 Illinois for the past 11 years; and

9           WHEREAS, Jeff Neavor is in his 15th year as Morton High  
10 School Band Director and has led over 700 individual members; 1  
11 in 5 students at Morton High School are members of the marching  
12 band; and

13           WHEREAS, Jeff Neavor lovingly leads, shapes, and molds his  
14 band members into confident and accomplished musicians and  
15 performers; and

16           WHEREAS, With performances at the Presidential Inaugural  
17 Parade in 2009 and Bands of America Grand National Semifinals  
18 in 2010, 11 consecutive Illinois Class 2A State Championships,  
19 and 4 University of Illinois Governor's Trophy awards, the  
20 Morton High School Marching Band has built a tradition of  
21 excellence and pride in its performance; and

1           WHEREAS, The Morton High School Marching Band has a long  
2 list of notable achievements from 2012 to 2015; and

3           WHEREAS, In 2012, the Morton High School Marching Band was  
4 the Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional Class AA  
5 Champion, Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional Finalist,  
6 Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional Award Winner for Best  
7 General Effect; Grammy Signature School Semifinalist; Illinois  
8 Marching Band Championships Governor's Grand Champion Trophy  
9 Winner, and the State of Illinois Class AA Champion; the team  
10 also performed during halftime at the 2012 St. Louis Rams -  
11 Green Bay Packers game; and

12           WHEREAS, In 2013 and 2014, the Morton High School Marching  
13 Band was the Illinois Marching Band Championships Governor's  
14 Grand Champion Trophy winner, and the State of Illinois Class  
15 AA Champion; the team was also featured in the 2014 Smithsonian  
16 Institute traveling exhibit of Hometown Teams; and

17           WHEREAS, In 2015, the Morton High School Marching Band  
18 received 3rd Place in Class AA of the Bands of America Atlanta  
19 Super Regional; and won an 11th consecutive State of Illinois  
20 Class AA Championship; and

21           WHEREAS, The Morton High School Marching Band has won 12

1 Grand Championships and over 80 awards since 2012; and

2 WHEREAS, The Morton Band Parents volunteer selflessly each  
3 season, and are an integral part of the band's success;  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 honor and congratulate the Morton High School Marching Band,  
8 its talented performers, its Director Jeff Neavor, his  
9 assistants, and their families on their accomplishments and  
10 wish them continued success in the future; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Morton High School Marching Band as a symbol  
13 of our great respect and esteem.