

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Ronald J.
3 Keller recently celebrated 50 years of affiliation with the
4 Naperville Municipal Band; he will be honored by the band
5 with a concert entitled "Ron's 50th" on June 26, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Keller has been affiliated with the
7 Naperville Municipal Band since his first solo with the group
8 in 1951, when he was a student in the Naperville public
9 schools; he has served as musical director of the band since
10 1966; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Keller received a Bachelor of Science degree
12 in Education, majoring in music, from Northern Illinois
13 University in June of 1961; he completed his Master of Music
14 Education degree at Vandercook College of Music in July of
15 1967; he received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Summit
16 University of Louisiana in February of 1999; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Keller was the coordinator of music for the
18 Naperville school district for 18 years in addition to
19 carrying a full teaching load; he retired on June 10, 1993;
20 in 1978 and 1979, he served as visiting professor of music at
21 North Central College, directing the concert band and related
22 ensembles; he directed the concert band again for the spring
23 semester of 2000; he has taught workshops, clinics, and a
24 class at Vandercook College and Aurora College; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Keller has received numerous awards and is
26 affiliated with numerous professional, civic, and social
27 organizations; under his leadership, the Naperville Municipal
28 Band received the prestigious Sudler Silver Scroll Award from
29 the John Philip Sousa Foundation; he was a speaker at the
30 Music Educators National Conference National Convention in
31 1981 and 1988; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Keller is married with three grown children,
2 two step-children, three grandsons, and two granddaughters;
3 he enjoys gardening, fishing, sausage making, and model
4 trains; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Dr. Ronald J. Keller on his faithful service
8 of over 50 years to the Naperville Municipal Band; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Dr. Keller as a token of our respect and esteem
12 and with our best wishes for his continued success.