



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, This year marks the 79th year for the annual
3 Centralia Halloween Parade; and

4 WHEREAS, The parade was first organized in 1923 by Harry
5 and Rhoda Mapes and Arthur Noren; a Mardi Gras theme was chosen
6 for the first parade; it was led by Police Chief Erwin, Fire
7 Chief T.C. Neely, Mayor D.F. Lender, and Commissioners Glore,
8 Piefer, Cunningham, Garnier, and Newman; and

9 WHEREAS, The tradition has carried on throughout the years,
10 with such themes as Halloween Frolic, Spooky Halloween, Songs,
11 Historical Events, Filmland Revue, Fiction Fantasy, Remember
12 When, The World of Disney, Through the Eyes of a Child, Family
13 Traditions, and Century Celebrations; during World War II, a
14 War Bond Auction and dances were held; and

15 WHEREAS, There have been many well-known grand marshals and
16 attendees of the parade, including St. Louis Cardinals players
17 Ted Simmons, FredBird, Tom Lawless, and Greg Mathews; Pat and
18 Richard Nixon; former Harlem Globetrotter Bobby Joe Mason; the
19 Ninja Turtles; and Uncle Sam (as portrayed by Kendall Mayes);
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The co-chairmen of the 79th annual parade to be
22 held on Saturday, October 29, 2005, are Rob Jackson and Justin
23 Moll; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we recognize the grand tradition that is the Centralia
27 Halloween Parade in its 79th year; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to Rob Jackson and Justin Moll as an expression of

1 our esteem.