



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Those who pursue the education of our students are
3 worthy of the highest praise; at the end of the 2005-2006
4 school year, Prospect High School will see the end of an era
5 with the retirement of Mr. David Morrison, Director of Bands
6 for 28 years, with 33 years in education; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison received his formal training in music
8 at the University of Illinois, where he received a B.S. in
9 music education in 1973 and a master's degree in 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, He began his teaching career in 1973 as Director
11 of Bands at East Richland High School in Olney, where he served
12 until 1977; since 1977, he has been the Director of Bands at
13 Prospect High School in Mount Prospect; and

14 WHEREAS, He has received many honors for his nationally
15 recognized band program, including a Citation of Excellence
16 from the National Band Association and election to the Phi Beta
17 Mu National Band Director's Honorary Fraternity; he is a
18 two-time winner of the Outstanding Contributions to Education
19 Award at Prospect High School, and he received the Outstanding
20 Chicagoland Music Educator Award in 1992 and the Shining Star
21 Award from the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce in 1995; he
22 was nominated for the Golden Apple Award in 2001, was Illinois
23 Teacher of the Year in 2003, and was inducted into the Phi Beta
24 Mu Bandmaster's Hall of Fame at Northwestern University in
25 2005; and

26 WHEREAS, Under his direction, the Prospect bands have been
27 exceptionally successful; both the Symphonic Band and the
28 Marching Blue Knights have won national recognition multiple
29 times; the Marching Blue Knights have participated in many
30 prestigious parades including the Macy's Thanksgiving Day
31 Parade, the Fiesta Bowl, the Citrus Bowl and Magic Kingdom, the

1 Hollywood Christmas Parade, and the Rose Bowl Tournament of
2 Roses Parade; and

3 WHEREAS, Band director David Morrison has brought pride to
4 the Mt. Prospect community and inspiration to generations of
5 students and deserves a most relaxing retirement; therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we heartily congratulate David Morrison, Band Director at
10 Prospect High School, on the occasion of his retirement after
11 33 years in education, and we thank him for the many years of
12 hard work and devotion to the students of Illinois; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Mr. Morrison as an expression of our deepest
16 respect and esteem.