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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the
4 Hersey High School Band in Arlington Heights on the occasion of
5 being the recipient of the Sudler Flag of Honor award from the
6 John Philip Sousa Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, The John Philip Sousa Foundation's Flag of Honor
8 program is designed to identify and recognize high school Wind
9 Band and Symphony Band programs of very special excellence at
10 the international level; and

11 WHEREAS, The Sudler Flag of Honor award is the highest
12 recognition of excellence in a concert performance that can be
13 bestowed upon a high school band; to be nominated for the
14 Sudler Flag of Honor, a high school band must maintain a fine
15 performing organization over a number of years, including a
16 concert program, a marching band, small ensembles, and solo
17 participation by its members in contest-festival
18 opportunities; in addition, the band's conductor must have been
19 the conductor of the band for at least seven consecutive years,
20 including the year of the award, and must have involved with
21 professional band organizations and activities at the local,
22 State, and national levels; in its 26 years of existence, only
23 51 bands in the United States, Canada, and Japan have received

1 this prestigious award; and

2 WHEREAS, The Hersey High School Band was one of only two
3 high school concert bands to receive the Sudler Flag of Honor
4 award in 2007, a wonderful indication of the band's talent,
5 organization, and great effort; and

6 WHEREAS, In honor of this fine achievement, the Hersey High
7 School Band will be presented with a red, white, and blue
8 four-by-six foot "Flag of Honor" bearing the symbol of the John
9 Philip Sousa Foundation, a personalized plaque for the band,
10 and a personalized diploma for each member of the band; these
11 prizes will be given to the band by a member of the John Philip
12 Sousa Foundation during a concert on May 14, 2008 in the Hersey
13 High School Theater in Arlington Heights; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate the members of the Hersey High School Band in
17 Arlington Heights on the occasion of being the recipient of the
18 Sudler Flag of Honor award and wish them continued success and
19 happiness in the future; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Hersey High School Band conductor Scott Casagrande
22 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.