HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Lincoln-Way North Marching Phoenix on winning the Class 4A State of Illinois Marching Band Championship; and

WHEREAS, The 110 members of the Marching Phoenix claimed the Class 4A championship in class competition on October 11, 2014 at Illinois State University in Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, The Marching Phoenix also won Outstanding Music, Visual Effect, and Crowd Appeal in class competition; in the evening finals competition, in which all bands compete regardless of class, the Marching Phoenix finished 5th overall; the band also scored first in Visual General Effect out of the finals group; and

WHEREAS, A total of 40 bands from all over the State participated; the bands competed in 6 classes, with approximately 3,500 students participating; and

WHEREAS, The title of the Marching Phoenix's show was "Returning Home"; the music featured "Appalachian Morning" by Robert Sheldon, "Ashokan Farewell" by Jay Ungar, "Althea" by the Grateful Dead, and "American Gothic, mvt. III: Pitchfork"
by Michael Daugherty; wind music was arranged by Don Hill, percussion was arranged by Kirk Hickman, drill design was by Maney Thompson, and show design was by Alan Spaeth; and

WHEREAS, The Marching Phoenix 2014 drum majors are Nora Ward and Nikki Wiltjer; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Lincoln-Way North Marching Phoenix on winning the Class 4A State of Illinois Marching Band Championship and wish them many more years of success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to the Marching Phoenix as an expression of our esteem and respect.

