

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Joyce Turner Hilkevitch, the founding president
6 of Mostly Music, began her labor of love in 1973 when she
7 gathered capacity crowds to a Hyde park mansion to hear
8 first-rate chamber music; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, nearly three decades later, Mostly Music
10 continues to offer more than 25 concerts a season, showcasing
11 gifted local performers for music lovers; and

12 WHEREAS, Mostly Music also reaches out to seniors through
13 its Magic Carpet series, presenting more than 80 concerts
14 this year alone, and to young people through its Teen Art
15 Apprenticeship in African-American Studies; and

16 WHEREAS, Mostly Music organizes symposia with
17 universities and other arts organizations to promote the
18 understanding and appreciation of music and contributes
19 significantly to the vitality of the music scene in Chicago;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Joyce Turner Hilkevitch has served as Mostly
22 Music's Executive Director, and certainly its creative
23 inspiration, for almost three full decades; and

24 WHEREAS, Joyce's decision to retire was accompanied by a
25 careful search for continuity for Mostly Music so that
26 Northeastern Illinois University, a longstanding partner with
27 Mostly Music, is now continuing the tradition through Mostly
28 Music at NEIU; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
30 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we salute Joyce Turner Hilkevitch on the occasion of her
2 retirement and on the success of her 30-year venture in
3 bringing such wonderful music to our ears; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That in our best a capella voices, we sing out
5 our deepest gratitude to Joyce and our best wished for the
6 continuing success of Mostly Music at Northeastern Illinois
7 University; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Joyce Turner Hilkevitch as an expression of our
10 esteem.