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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to the Fenton High School Band of Bensenville on its 75th anniversary of music and its Diamond Jubilee Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Community High School District 100 was formed in 1925, and the new Bensenville Community High School was completed in 1927 and served the community until 1955 when Fenton High School was constructed and opened its doors; and

WHEREAS, The Fenton High School Band, formerly known as the Bensenville Community High School Band, was originally founded in 1926; and

WHEREAS, Since 1955, the band has toured every two years, including completing numerous tours in Europe, including Switzerland, Great Britain, Germany, and Austria; and

WHEREAS, Fenton's band was the first amateur group ever invited to perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland, a world-renowned jazz festival; and

WHEREAS, The reputation of the band is further enhanced by the award winning soloists and ensembles which have repeatedly received award recognition in state and national competitions; and

WHEREAS, The band's talent has been showcased in many state contests, winning first place in the National Division twice; and

WHEREAS, Fenton has received 27 first place awards for its outstanding band in the Illinois State Division; and

WHEREAS, Throughout 75 years the band has been a focal point for civic pride in our community; and

1           WHEREAS, The Director of Instrumental Music, Mr. Fred  
2 Lewis, has built a strong program based on 44 years of  
3 service to the high school; and

4           WHEREAS, The band and its members throughout the years  
5 have been recognized for their quality of music and their  
6 abilities as musicians; and

7           WHEREAS, We recognize the efforts of the musicians,  
8 director, school, and community in its achievement and for  
9 maintaining such a high level stature in the music world;  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we do hereby offer our congratulations to the Fenton High  
14 School Band; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the Director of Instrumental Music, Mr. Fred  
17 Lewis, and also to the Fenton High School Band.