

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are honored to recognize notable  
4 accomplishments in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Englewood Back to School Parade was created  
6 by its late founder, Willie L. Pittman; this year's parade is  
7 the 39th Anniversary of its long standing tradition in  
8 Englewood; and

9 WHEREAS, The origin of the Englewood Back to School  
10 Parade derived from the Central Englewood Drum and Bugle Core  
11 at 65th and Green Street to give the younger members an  
12 alternative to the gangs and negative influences within the  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, The Central Englewood Drum and Bugle Core was  
15 renamed "Englewood Back to School Parade" to encourage  
16 children to stay in school or return back to school to pursue  
17 educational goals; the parade organization developed the  
18 theme "Education is the key to the future", that is still  
19 utilized to this day because education is the key to the  
20 rebirth of the Englewood community; and

21 WHEREAS, The Englewood Back to School Parade is the  
22 biggest back to school parade in the Englewood community and  
23 the second oldest parade in the African American community;  
24 the parade is currently orchestrated by the Englewood Back to  
25 School Parade Committee which carries on this great tradition  
26 of excellence within the Englewood community; therefore, be  
27 it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
29 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
30 we congratulate the "Englewood Back to School Parade" on its  
31 39th anniversary of dedication and commitment in encouraging

1 children to stay in school or return to school to pursue  
2 their educational goals; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Justine Mosely-Stephens, the Englewood Back to  
5 School Parade Coordinator, as an expression of our esteem.