

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate the members of the  
4 Edison Middle School Jazz Band 1 and their director Mr. Sam  
5 Hankins for becoming the 2003 Jazz Ensemble Grand Champion at  
6 Musicfest Orlando in April; and

7 WHEREAS, The Edison Middle School Jazz Band 1 in  
8 Champaign was chosen as the Grand Champion out of 46 jazz  
9 ensembles from across the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Sam Hankins directs the Edison Middle School  
11 Jazz Band 1, the 6th Grade Concert Band, and the 7th & 8th  
12 Grade Concert Band; Mr. Hankins is a professional trumpeter  
13 and has performed with artists such as the Ojays, Aretha  
14 Franklin, and the Dells; he has been the Edison Middle School  
15 Band Director since September 1995; Mr. Hankins earned both a  
16 bachelor's degree and a master's degree in music education  
17 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

18 WHEREAS, The Edison Middle School Jazz Band 1 has been  
19 chosen as one of three middle school jazz ensembles to  
20 perform at the International Association for Jazz Education  
21 International Conference in New York City in January 2004;  
22 the Jazz Band 1 will be the only jazz ensemble from the  
23 United States to perform; the other two middle school bands  
24 will be from Japan and Canada; this conference is recognized  
25 as the largest gathering of the global jazz community; and

26 WHEREAS, The members of Jazz Band 1 are Ann Pataky (8th  
27 grade; alto saxophone), Brett Anderson (7th grade; alto  
28 saxophone), Matt Rodriguez (8th grade; tenor saxophone),  
29 Michael Anderson (7th grade; tenor saxophone, C.B. Thompson  
30 (8th grade; baritone saxophone, Claire Kirby (8th grade;  
31 trumpet, Ben Peden (7th grade; trumpet), Daniel Robinson (7th  
32 grade; trumpet), Nate Lyons (8th grade; trumpet), Emily Ho

1 (6th grade; trumpet), Jamey Flynn (7th grade; trombone), Matt  
2 Hiser (8th grade; trombone), Taylor Dillon (6th grade;  
3 trombone), Travis Hoyne (7th grade; trombone), Andrew Kim  
4 (8th grade; piano), Meghann Hiser (8th grade; piano), Eric  
5 Egner (8th grade; drums), Nate Sokolski (6th grade; drums),  
6 Nigel Knop (8th grade; bass), and Jessica Evans (7th grade;  
7 vocalist); therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate the members and director of the Edison Middle  
11 School Jazz Band 1 on winning the honor of 2003 Jazz Ensemble  
12 Grand Champion; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14 presented to the director and members of Jazz Band 1 and to  
15 Edison Middle School as a token of our respect and esteem and  
16 with our best wishes for future success.