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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Sharyn Markus, Edwin Schomaker, Charles "Dan"
3 Dermody, and Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, will be inducted into
4 the Mater Dei Catholic High School Hall of Honor on Saturday,
5 May 6, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, Inductees into the Mater Dei Hall of Honor have
7 distinguished themselves in living the mission of Mater Dei
8 High School by their service to their communities in the areas
9 of academics, business, professional or religious life, and
10 public service; and

11 WHEREAS, Sharyn Markus of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is a
12 1968 graduate of Mater Dei High School; she is being inducted
13 for her contributions in education as an English, Language
14 Arts, Reading, and Journalism teacher, and for the many
15 outstanding community service projects that she has
16 established; her teaching career began in 1972, and she now
17 serves as the school liaison for the Colorado Springs World
18 Affairs Council and is also the project coordinator of All
19 Pikes Peak Reads for the Pikes Peak Library District and
20 coordinator for the Children's Literacy Center, Academy School
21 District Twenty; she and her students started the paperclip
22 campaign to honor Holocaust victims; she has served as the
23 executive director for the Colorado Springs Dental Society
24 since 1976, and she traveled to Argentina in 2005 and 2006 with
25 the Children's International Dental Project; and

26 WHEREAS, Edwin Schomaker is being inducted for his many
27 years of service to Mater Dei and his commitment to the Fathers
28 and Friends organization; he lives in New Baden and is a member
29 of St. George parish; he valiantly served his country as member
30 of the U.S. Army, worked for an Oldsmobile dealership in
31 Mascoutah, and in 1990 retired from General Motors after 44
32 years; he has been a member of the St. George Holy Name Society

1 and served as its president for ten years; he has been a member
2 of the American Legion Poelker Post for 52 years, served with
3 the Fathers and Friends for 32 years, and from the late 1970s
4 to early 1980s, was a member of the Mater Dei School Board; he
5 also was involved with the March of Dimes for several years; he
6 and his wife Frieda (Wolters) have been married since 1953 and
7 are blessed with five children, Jim, Don, Mary Lou, Geri, and
8 Karen, and eight grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles D. "Dan" Dermody is a member of Mater Dei
10 Class of 1961; upon his graduation in 1961, he immediately
11 started working in broadcasting; his career has taken him to
12 stations in Illinois, Armed Forces Radio on Okinawa, North
13 Carolina, Florida, and back to Illinois; in 2005, after working
14 for 19 years at WXCL, he joined JMP/Triad Broadcasting in
15 Peoria as Program Director/Morning Host on WIRL; the Illinois
16 Country Music Association has named him "Illinois Country Music
17 Air Personality of the Year" five times; on October 1, 2006, he
18 will celebrate 45 years in the broadcasting industry; he and
19 his wife, Mary Ann (Schmitt), serve as Ambassadors for the St.
20 Jude's Children's Research Hospital and its affiliate in
21 Peoria; he has been instrumental in raising over one million
22 dollars for the continuing research into childhood cancer and
23 other pediatric diseases; he is active in St. Vincent de Paul
24 parish activities and serves as a lector; he and Mary Ann have
25 one son, Christopher; and

26 WHEREAS, Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, is a 1966 graduate of
27 Mater Dei and is currently serving as co-director of John XXIII
28 Retreat Center in Hartford, Indiana; Sr. Joetta entered the
29 Novitiate of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in Donaldson,
30 Indiana, after high school; she began her ministry by teaching
31 elementary school; she has served in many places, including
32 Macon; Mt. Zion; Edwardsville; Richmond, Minnesota;
33 Burlington, Iowa; Rock Island; and she returned to pastoral
34 ministry in 1987 as a DRE/Pastoral Associate at St. Mary's,

1 Quincy, then assumed the role of Pastoral Associate at St.
2 Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, Indiana, until 1997; at that time,
3 she was elected to the Leadership Team of the Poor Handmaids of
4 Jesus Christ as a Provincial Councilor, a position she held for
5 eight years; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Sharyn Markus, Edwin Schomaker, Charles (Dan)
9 Dermody, and Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, on their induction
10 into the Mater Dei Hall of Honor; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 presented to each inductee as an expression of our respect and
13 esteem.