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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the musicians of
4 the Hyde Park Youth Symphony on the 30th anniversary of the
5 incorporation of the Symphony, February 14, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, The Symphony is a community-based organization
7 dedicated to providing an arts experience of the highest
8 quality to children on the south side of Chicago and nurturing
9 in them a love for music that will last a lifetime; and

10 WHEREAS, The Symphony serves children and families from a
11 variety of public, private, and home school programs, and from
12 diverse racial, ethnic, educational, and economic backgrounds;
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14 WHEREAS, The Symphony offers opportunities for orchestral
15 and ensemble playing for students from first grade through high
16 school; and

17 WHEREAS, The Symphony sponsors an annual concerto
18 competition to honor the memory of its founder, Claire Despres
19 Oppenheim, which furthers her desire that the orchestra
20 challenge the capabilities of serious young musicians and give
21 them opportunities for solo performance; and

1 WHEREAS, The Symphony collaborates with numerous artistic
2 and cultural programs and institutions to enrich the
3 experiences of its students and the south side community; and

4 WHEREAS, The Symphony claims a musical staff possessing
5 great talent and creativity as well as a dedicated and gifted
6 board of parents and community members; and

7 WHEREAS, The Symphony has been enthusiastically supported
8 by the residents and institutions of the Hyde Park, Kenwood,
9 and South Shore communities since its inception; therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 honor the musicians of the Hyde Park Youth Symphony on this
14 momentous occasion and thank them for their hard work for the
15 community; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That, with a fanfare of trumpets, we present a
17 copy of this resolution to the Hyde Park Youth Symphony on the
18 occasion of its May 3, 2008 annual benefit and concert.