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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Marshall City Band on its 150th year of service to the community; and

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WHEREAS, The Marshall City Band was founded in 1875 by men in the community who had musical talent and interest in forming a band; and

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WHEREAS, The Marshall City Band was organized by Professor Leander Alexander as a 15 to 20 member "all-boy" brass and cornet band; and

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WHEREAS, The Marshall City Band performances were Thursday nights during the summer along with several other bands that played concerts and led parades in Marshall; and

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WHEREAS, The Marshall City Band was presented with a new bandstand in 1929, using donated materials and volunteer labor, which is still in use today; and

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WHEREAS, The Marshall City Band was featured in National Geographic magazine in March 1998 as part of its America's First Highway story about the National Road; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Marshall City Band currently performs on
2 Friday nights and is a primary summer attraction in the city of
3 Marshall; and

4 WHEREAS, The Marshall City Band is the oldest,
5 continuously-operating band in Illinois, starting as a brass
6 and cornet band and evolving into the band it is today with 55
7 dedicated musicians from all over the Wabash Valley who spend
8 more than 3,000 total hours per summer preparing, rehearsing,
9 and performing concerts; and

10 WHEREAS, The Marshall City Band will be celebrating its
11 150th season on June 6, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. on the Marshall
12 courthouse lawn before the start of the new season; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate the Marshall City Band on its 150th year of
17 service to the community; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we congratulate all of the generations of
19 talented musicians who have offered their services to provide
20 the City of Marshall with entertainment and culture during the
21 summer season on the success of the Marshall City Band; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Marshall City Band as an expression of our
3 respect and esteem for a century and a half of providing
4 concerts and community service to the City of Marshall.