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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the
4 DeKalb Municipal Band and its director for 61 years, Dee
5 Palmer, for giving 155 years of musical entertainment and
6 enrichment of the arts for the people of DeKalb County; and

7 WHEREAS, Willard Deloss Palmer was born in DeKalb on
8 September 7, 1914; he earned his bachelor's degree in music
9 from Northern Illinois State Teachers College; and

10 WHEREAS, Dee Palmer taught music at the laboratory school
11 in DeKalb; he played cornet in the NBC Orchestra for nearly 5
12 years; he worked in the Palmer Music Store, a family business
13 that has included four generations in its nearly 100-year
14 history; he has also directed the DeKalb Municipal Band since
15 1948; and

16 WHEREAS, Dee Palmer has contributed to the DeKalb community
17 through his involvement in the Kishwaukee Community Hospital
18 Board and the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce; he has also endowed
19 countless individuals and families in his community with a
20 general appreciation of the musical arts, including his sons,
21 Rodger (Marsha) and Gary (Barbara); and

1 WHEREAS, The Palmer Family Music Education Scholarship
2 Fund was named in honor of Dee Palmer; the fund will award a
3 scholarship every year to a DeKalb Township student who plans
4 to study music; and

5 WHEREAS, Dee Palmer has been honored in many ways by the
6 City of DeKalb, including the most recent unveiling on August
7 18, 2009 of a life-size bronze statue of himself in Hopkins
8 Park; he is deeply admired by local residents who enjoy his
9 direction of the DeKalb Municipal Band that performs on Tuesday
10 evenings during the summer; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate and thank Dee Palmer for the inspiration and joy
14 he has provided the citizens of DeKalb County through his
15 position as director of the DeKalb Municipal Band; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Dee Palmer as a symbol of our respect and esteem.