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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate St. Joseph High School
4 Head Basketball Coach Gene Pingatore on becoming the first boys
5 basketball coach in Illinois history to reach 1,000 wins; and

6 WHEREAS, Gene Pingatore's historic win came on February 11,
7 2016 with a 81-71 win against St. Rita High School in the first
8 round of the Catholic League playoffs in Westchester; and

9 WHEREAS, During Gene Pingatore's 48 years as a head coach
10 at St. Joseph High School, he has achieved a .739 winning
11 percentage and 32 regional championships, 13 sectional
12 championships, six top-four finishes, and two State
13 championships, one in Class AA in 1999 and one in Class 3A in
14 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, Gene Pingatore has coached three McDonald's
16 All-Americans, Isiah Thomas, Daryl Thomas, and Deryl
17 Cunningham; and

18 WHEREAS, At the age of 80, Gene Pingatore says he has no
19 plans to retire and will be back coaching for St. Joseph High
20 School next season; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate St. Joseph High School Head Basketball Coach Gene
4 Pingatore on becoming the first boys basketball coach in
5 Illinois history to reach 1,000 wins, and we wish him many more
6 successful years; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Gene Pingatore as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.