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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Patten Gymnasium at Northwestern University in  
3 Evanston was the site of the very first men's Division I NCAA  
4 basketball championship in 1939; since then, 317 different  
5 men's basketball teams have participated in the annual NCAA  
6 tournament; and

7 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2017, the Wildcats beat the University  
8 of Michigan to reach 10 Big Ten wins for the first time since  
9 the 1932-33 campaign; and

10 WHEREAS, After 78 years, the Wildcats were finally selected  
11 to participate in the NCAA basketball tournament on March 12,  
12 2017; the program earned their first NCAA tournament victory in  
13 the first round with a 68 to 66 win over Vanderbilt University;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Wildcats compiled a record of 24 wins and 12  
16 losses during the 2016-2017 season; and

17 WHEREAS, The Wildcats are not only dedicated to athletic  
18 excellence, but they are also leaders in the classroom,  
19 consistently ranking among the top Division I men's basketball  
20 teams in graduation rates and grade point average; and

1           WHEREAS, Through their abilities, character, and  
2 leadership on and off the court, the Wildcats serve as positive  
3 role models for young men throughout the State of Illinois;  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 congratulate Northwestern University and its athletes,  
8 coaches, faculty, students, administration, and alumni on  
9 receiving their first invitation to compete in the 2017 NCAA  
10 Men's Basketball Championship Tournament, and we commend  
11 Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic and  
12 academic excellence; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Northwestern University Head Coach Chris Collins  
15 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.