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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the players, coaches, and families of the Hinsdale Little League All Stars 12U on winning the Illinois State Championship; and representing the State of Illinois at the Great Lakes Regional Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to this year, Hinsdale had never won a 12U state championship, but, the past two summers, squads composed of virtually the same players claimed state titles at the 10U and 11U levels; upon entering the 12U state tournament, Hinsdale's all-star team had only lost one game; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois State Competition is partitioned into three stages: districts, sections, and state; teams competing for state glory are essentially all-star squads comprised of some of the best players at each level from their respective leagues; and

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WHEREAS, In the state championship game, a team from Beardstown stood between Hinsdale and a trip to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament; the 12U team secured the championship title with a score of 4-0 and attribute their win to their defense and pitching; and

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1           WHEREAS, After claiming the Illinois State Championship,  
2 Hinsdale advanced to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament in  
3 Westfield, Indiana; the 12Us competed, on national television,  
4 against a field of state champions from Indiana, Kentucky,  
5 Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin for a right to play in the Little  
6 League World Series; and

7           WHEREAS, The Hinsdale Little League All Stars 12U were  
8 coached by Bench Coaches, Jeff Kolke and Rick Eck; Practice  
9 Coaches, Ric Phillips and Jimmy Smith; and Manager, Anthony  
10 Waelter; and

11           WHEREAS, The Hinsdale Little League All Stars 12U were Evan  
12 Phillips, Andres Waelter, Emerson Eck, Reece Kolke, Jakobi  
13 Lange, Ben Oosterbaan, Max Williams, Grant Davis, Joe Boggs,  
14 Max Merlo, Charlie Bergen, and Lucas Smith; and

15           WHEREAS, The Hinsdale Little League All Stars 12U serve as  
16 models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people  
17 of the State; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate the Hinsdale Little League All Stars 12U on  
21 winning the 12U Illinois State Championship and competing in

1 the Great Lakes Regional Tournament, and we wish them success  
2 in all of their future endeavors, both on and off the field;  
3 and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
5 presented to the coaches and members of the Hinsdale Little  
6 League All Stars 12U as a symbol of our esteem and respect.