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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Jacksonville High School Winterguard on their accomplishments at regional and state competitions; and

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WHEREAS, The Jacksonville High School Winterguard competed at five Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) regional competitions in the categories of AA Tall Flag and AA Lyrical Flag; their Tall Flag routine was undefeated, earned first place at all five regional competitions, and then qualified for State; their Lyrical Flag routine earned second place at one regional competition, first place at four regional competitions, and qualified for State multiple times; for the first time in Jacksonville High School history, both routines won the State Championship title at the State Finals; and

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WHEREAS, The Lyrical Flag routine was performed to the acoustic version of the song "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten and focused on the story and the message of strength; each team member chose a cause to support and raise awareness for, including adoption, ALS, Alzheimer's Disease, anxiety disorder, asthma, autism, breast cancer, cerebral palsy, child abuse, childhood cancer, childhood disabilities, deafness, domestic violence, epilepsy, gun, violence, heart disease,

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1 leukemia, LGBT, mental illness, pancreatic cancer, PTSD,  
2 reproductive rights, safe driving, self harm, SIDS, substance  
3 abuse, suicide prevention, and Tourette's Syndrome; those  
4 causes were represented with ribbons sewn onto their uniforms;  
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6 WHEREAS, The Jacksonville High School Winterguard is  
7 coached by Head Coach, Rachel Mansell; and Assistant Coaches,  
8 James Vannier and Jessica Vannier; and

9 WHEREAS, The Jacksonville High School Winterguard team  
10 members are Karson Baker, Alyssa Barrow, Abbi Blanford, Breanna  
11 Butler, Taylor Caldwell, Tanasia Clark, Kayla Critchelow, Emma  
12 Decker, Faith Hadlock, Summer Harris, Rissa Kroemelbein, Kira  
13 Morton-White, Serenity Norman, Jasmin Watson, and Piper  
14 Upchurch; and

15 WHEREAS, The Jacksonville High School Winterguard serves  
16 as a model of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the  
17 people 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 Jacksonville High School Winterguard on  
21 winning the State Championship title for both of their routines  
22 for the first time in the school's history; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2   presented to Jacksonville High School.