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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Marmion Academy hockey team, the Cadets, on winning the Varsity White division for the 2018 Illinois State High School Hockey Championship; and

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WHEREAS, The Cadets defeated the New Trier Gray in overtime March 16, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, The Marmion Academy hockey program was born out of a chance encounter between the program's founder, Dan Heckle, and a young man at an ice rink in 2013-14 wearing a Marmion shirt, when Dan learned that Marmion did not have their own hockey team at that time; and

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WHEREAS, A couple of years later, when Dan Heckle began working at Marmion Academy, he learned that dozens of highly talented hockey players have graduated or attended Marmion through the years; he garnered support from the Head of School, Mr. Tinerella, and worked with alumni from the Chicago Catholic Hockey League; he received an outpouring of support from leaders of the Chicago area hockey community; and

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WHEREAS, With the support of the monks and the

1 administration at Marmion Academy, Dan Heckle and his team
2 obtained a charter for Marmion through the Amateur Hockey
3 Association of Illinois; along with then-coach Chris Imes, a
4 1994 U.S. Olympian, and two hockey players and Marmion alumni,
5 Nick and Jake Leon, the Cadets had a staff to lead the way,
6 with Imes coaching for two seasons; and

7 WHEREAS, For the 2016 season, the program joined the CCHL
8 (Chicago Catholic Hockey League) and today play against some of
9 the state's toughest competition; and

10 WHEREAS, Two words summarize how Marmion Academy's hockey
11 program has ascended to heights not seemingly possible to those
12 on the outside - "The Brotherhood"; and

13 WHEREAS, While four teammates are actual siblings, wearing
14 the Cadets name on the back of their hockey sweaters bolstered
15 school pride to another level for all of the young men; and

16 WHEREAS, Under first year coach Michael Perillo, the team
17 finished as state champions with a final record of 26 wins, 3
18 losses, and one tie; and

19 WHEREAS, The Cadets chemistry, trust, and ability to remain
20 level-headed was undeniably a factor in their 1 to 1 overtime
21 state championship game against New Trier, ultimately winning 2

1 to 1 over one of the state's strongest hockey programs; and

2 WHEREAS, The Cadets are Mark Picchietti, Andrew Galle,
3 Sammy Greco, Matthew Sitar, Logan Gayton, Cole Hostasa,
4 Nicholas Greco, Dylan Foster, Gino Viscomi, Aaron Munson, Sean
5 Gillian, Jacob Carlson, Collin Ayres, Sean Galle, Henry Walton,
6 Tom Nowicki, Zachary Dietz, and Andrew Madej; the assistant
7 coaches are Greg Sauers, Jared Weaver, and Graham Mosey; the
8 strength coach is Joe Koup; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate the Marmion Academy hockey team, the Cadets, on
12 winning the Varsity White division for the 2018 Illinois State
13 High School Hockey Championship, and we recognize Cadets, both
14 past and present, for their outstanding achievements; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the Cadets and their coaches as a symbol of our
18 respect and esteem.