



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois wish to congratulate the 2004-2005 University  
4 of Illinois Fighting Illini men's basketball team on becoming  
5 the undisputed NCAA Big Ten Conference Champions, the team's  
6 first back-to-back Big Ten title since 1951-1952; and

7 WHEREAS, The Fighting Illini ended the regular season with  
8 a record of 29 wins and one loss, and were ranked the number  
9 one men's college basketball team in the country for 13  
10 consecutive weeks; and

11 WHEREAS, The head coach of the Fighting Illini is  
12 second-year coach Bruce Weber; he became the first Big Ten  
13 basketball coach in history to win back-to-back outright  
14 conference titles in his first two seasons; and

15 WHEREAS, The team members of the Fighting Illini are Marcus  
16 Arnold of Chicago; James Augustine of Mokena; Calvin Brock of  
17 Chicago; Dee Brown of Maywood; Warren Carter of Dallas, Texas;  
18 Luther Head of Chicago; Jack Ingram of San Antonio, Texas; Rich  
19 McBride of Springfield; Fred Nkemdi of North Riverside; Roger  
20 Powell, Jr., of Joliet; Shaun Pruitt of Aurora; Brian Randle of  
21 Peoria; Nick Smith of Valrico, Florida; and Deron Williams of  
22 The Colony, Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, The coaches of the Fighting Illini are Head Coach  
24 Bruce Weber, and Assistant Coaches Wayne McClain, Jay Price,  
25 Tracy Webster, and Gary Nottingham; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 we congratulate the team members and coaches of the University  
29 of Illinois Fighting Illini men's basketball team on winning  
30 the Big Ten Conference Championship; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to each of the coaches and members of the Fighting  
3 Illini as a token of our respect and esteem and with our best  
4 wishes for future success.