



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Richwoods High School Knights boys basketball
3 team of Peoria recently placed second in the IHSA Class AA Boys
4 Basketball State Tournament; and

5 WHEREAS, The team finished the season with a record of 26
6 wins and seven losses; they were the Mid-State Six Conference
7 Champions, and regional, sectional, and super-sectional
8 champions; and

9 WHEREAS, Bill Cole, Justin Dehm, and Ryan Phillips were
10 named to the All Conference First Team; Patrick Hogan received
11 an All Conference Honorable Mention; Bill Cole received several
12 other honors, including being named to the Quincy Thanksgiving
13 Tournament and Pekin Holiday Tournament All-Tournament Teams,
14 the IBCA First Team, and the IHSA Class AA State Tournament
15 First Team; he also received an All-State Honorable Mention
16 from the A.P.; Justin Dehm was also named to the Quincy
17 Thanksgiving Tournament All-Tournament Team, the IBCA Third
18 Team, and the IHSA Class AA State Tournament First Team; and

19 WHEREAS, The team is comprised of: seniors Matt Coates,
20 Patrick Hogan, Steve Kouri Jr. (captain), Dan Mathis, and Ryan
21 Phillips; juniors Bill Cole, Justin Dehm, Cody Halstead,
22 Lawrence Hardin, Ned Matuzak, DeCarlos Ross, and Courtney
23 Smith; sophomores Nick Morgan, Frank Polnitz, Troy Rice
24 (manager), and James Robertson; and freshman Jake Fiddes; and

25 WHEREAS, The Knights are led by Head Coach Mike Ellis and
26 Assistant Coaches Brett Elliott, Steve Wood, Robert Foster, and
27 Kerry Nixon; and

28 WHEREAS, The team is supported by Superintendent Mr. Ken
29 Hinton, Principal Mr. John M. Meisinger, Assistant Principal
30 Mr. Stephen Schoch, and Athletic Director Mrs. Diane Pettet;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate the Richwoods High School Knights boys
5 basketball team on placing second in the IHSA Class AA Boys
6 Basketball State Tournament; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to each of the members and coaches of the Knights and
9 to Richwoods High School as an expression of our esteem.