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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Greg DeCoursey,  
4 baseball coach for Marquette Catholic High School, on achieving  
5 his 600th career win at the school on April 19, 2007; and

6           WHEREAS, Greg DeCoursey led the Marquette Catholic High  
7 School Explorers to an 8-7 victory over host Jerseyville in an  
8 eight-inning nonconference game to mark his 600th victory as  
9 coach; and

10           WHEREAS, Greg DeCoursey was a three-sport athlete at Valley  
11 High, a consolidated school near Canton; after graduating from  
12 Canton Community College, he went to Southern Illinois  
13 University in Edwardsville and found a permanent home in  
14 Southwestern Illinois; he became the baseball coach at  
15 Marquette Catholic High School in 1977; and

16           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Greg DeCoursey, the  
17 Explorers have made seven State tournament appearances, with  
18 State championship wins in 1980 and 1984; they have acquired 15  
19 regional championships and seven sectional titles; the  
20 Explorers have compiled 16 seasons of 20 or more victories and  
21 won a pair of South Central Conference championships; Coach  
22 DeCoursey has been to the Class A State Finals more times than

1 any other coach; and

2 WHEREAS, Greg DeCoursey's 600th career win places him in  
3 the top 20 among prep coaches in State history and is a  
4 testament to his incredible skills as coach; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 congratulate Greg DeCoursey on his 600th career win and wish  
8 him continued success in the future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Greg DeCoursey as an expression of our respect.