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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Matthew F.
4 Bonnan, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at Western
5 Illinois University, on being a part of the team of scientists
6 that discovered a new species of dinosaur, Aardonyx; and

7 WHEREAS, The discovery was made in South Africa; Dr.
8 Bonnan's contribution to the discovery was his identification
9 of the bone structure that made the dinosaur unique; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Bonnan was co-author of the peer-reviewed
11 paper that was published in the Royal Proceeds of Science B on
12 November 11, 2009; and

13 WHEREAS, He is a graduate of Westfield Junior High in
14 Bloomingdale, a 1991 graduate of Lake Park High School in
15 Roselle, a 1995 graduate of the University of Illinois in
16 Chicago with a Bachelor of Sciences degree, and a 2001 Ph.D.
17 graduate from Northern Illinois University; and

18 WHEREAS, The discovery of Aardonyx was funded by the
19 National Geographic Society and Western Illinois University;
20 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Dr. Matthew Bonnan on his part in this incredible
4 discovery of Aardonyx and wish him continued success for years
5 to come; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Dr. Matthew Bonnan as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.