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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jonathan Kuck on
4 the occasion of his silver medal victory in the team pursuit
5 speed skating competition at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in
6 Vancouver, Canada; and

7 WHEREAS, Jonathan Kuck was born on March 14, 1990, in
8 Urbana; and

9 WHEREAS, Jonathan Kuck graduated from University
10 Laboratory High School in Urbana in 2007; he is currently
11 attending the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana,
12 where he is majoring in engineering physics with a minor in
13 computer science; and

14 WHEREAS, Jonathan Kuck began skating at the age of 10; he
15 did not take the sport seriously until the age of 13, when he
16 started skating at the Ice Arena on the University of Illinois
17 campus; and

18 WHEREAS, Jonathan Kuck has enjoyed great success in speed
19 skating; he was the 2008 and 2009 U.S. Junior Speedskating
20 Champion and took 2nd place overall at the 2009 World Junior
21 Speedskating Championships; he competed in the 1000m, 1500m,

1 and the 5/10,000m in World Cup events during the 2009-10
2 season; he then qualified to skate for the U.S. speed skating
3 team in the 10,000 meter race and the team pursuit in the 2010
4 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada; and

5 WHEREAS, Jonathan Kuck made a stellar performance during
6 the 2010 Winter Olympics; he placed 8th in the 10,000 meter
7 event and set the highest American finish with a time of
8 13:31.78; Jonathan and his teammates, Chad Hedrick, Brian
9 Hansen, and Trevor Marsicono, went on to beat the Netherlands
10 team in the team pursuit semi-final; the team then lost to
11 Canada and won the silver medal in the event; and

12 WHEREAS, Jonathan Kuck serves as a model of hard work,
13 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
14 Illinois; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Jonathan Kuck on the occasion of his victory and
18 wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Jonathan Kuck as a symbol of our esteem and
22 respect.