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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jacob Tucker on the occasion of his victory at the 23rd annual State Farm College Slam Dunk and 3-Point Championships; and

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WHEREAS, Jacob Tucker is currently a senior at Illinois College in Jacksonville; he plans to graduate in the spring of 2011 with a degree in exercise science and sports management and work as a personal trainer at a fitness facility next year; and

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WHEREAS, Jacob Tucker is a member of Illinois College's 1,000-point club; as a senior, he averaged 14.8 points and 7.1 rebounds while shooting 50% from the field and leading the Midwest Conference in steals; he was also an All-Midwest Conference first team selection; and

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WHEREAS, Jacob Tucker began his quest to get into the State Farm College Slam Dunk and 3-Point Championships\ when he posted a video of himself on YouTube going through a series of dunks in a mostly empty gymnasium at Division III Illinois College in Jacksonville; he subsequently earned the right to compete in the contest after winning a fan vote on Facebook for the final entry spot; and

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1           WHEREAS, Jacob Tucker was up against seven Division I  
2 players in the contest and, at 5'10", was the shortest  
3 competitor to enter the contest; in a tight final round against  
4 John Williams of UNC Asheville, Mr. Tucker rebounded from two  
5 missed attempts with a thunderous reverse slam over Illinois  
6 College teammate Nathan Kohler to win the contest; and

7           WHEREAS, Jacob Tucker serves as a model of hard work,  
8 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
9 Illinois; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we congratulate Jacob Tucker on the occasion of his victory at  
13 the 23rd annual State Farm College Slam Dunk and 3-Point  
14 Championships and wish him continued success and happiness in  
15 the future; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Jacob Tucker as a symbol of our esteem and  
18 respect.