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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the University of  
4 Illinois Women's Volleyball team on its impressive season; and

5           WHEREAS, The team advanced to the NCAA national semifinals  
6 for the first time in 23 years and reached the NCAA National  
7 Championship Match for the first time in school history;  
8 Illinois finished the year with a 32-5 record and finished  
9 second in the Big Ten with a 16-4 mark; and

10           WHEREAS, In addition, Illinois earned the No. 3 seed for  
11 the NCAA Tournament and started its run to the Final Four with  
12 convincing straight set wins over Central Michigan and  
13 Marquette at Huff, bringing the Illini's all-time postseason  
14 home record to 22-3; and

15           WHEREAS, An ESPN2 audience witnessed one of the epic points  
16 in the history of the sport; it came at match point of the  
17 national semifinal between Illinois and USC; 55 touches, 18  
18 over the net volleys, and 68 seconds of electric play later,  
19 the Illini completed a 5-set win over the nation's top ranked  
20 team and earned a spot in the national championship match; and

21           WHEREAS, The Illini began the year 20-0, the second most

1 wins to start a season in school history; it resulted in the  
2 school's first number one ranking in the AVCA coaches poll; for  
3 the first time since 1992, Illinois played 2 home matches in  
4 front of near capacity crowds of 4,000-plus; and

5 WHEREAS, In Illinois' first weekend at number one, a  
6 sellout crowd of 4,261 saw a battle of the last 2 unbeaten  
7 teams in Illinois and Purdue; for the first time ever, Illinois  
8 swept the season series from the Nittany Lions winning matches  
9 at home and on the road; and

10 WHEREAS, The Illinois Volleyball Head Coach is Kevin  
11 Hambly, Assistant Coaches are Jen Oldenburg and David Kniffin,  
12 and the Volunteer Assistant Coach is Jen Fry; the team members  
13 are: Courtney Abrahamovich, Michelle Bartsch, Jennifer  
14 Beltran, Jocelynn Birks, Morganne Criswell, Hannah Deterding,  
15 Anna Dorn, Rachel Feldman, Jessica Jendryk, Erin Johnson, Annie  
16 Luhrsen, Liz McMahon, Tayler Onion, Jazmine Orozco, Ali Stark,  
17 Colleen Ward, and Jackie Wolfe; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate the University of Illinois Women's Volleyball  
21 team on an impressive season and wish team members and coaches  
22 continued success in the future; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the University of Illinois Women's Volleyball team  
3 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.