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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Northwestern University Women's Lacrosse Team won the 2012 NCAA National Championship after beating Syracuse by a score of 8 to 6, on Sunday, May 27, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, This is the eighth consecutive year that the Northwestern University Women's Lacrosse Team has played in the NCAA National Championship game, which ties the NCAA record for consecutive championship games; and

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WHEREAS, This is the seventh time that the Northwestern University Women's Lacrosse Team has won the NCAA National Championship in the 8 championship games in which it has played; and

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WHEREAS, The Northwestern University Women's Lacrosse Team has compiled an overall record of 168-9 since its first championship season of 2005, including an astonishing 82-2 record on its home field in Evanston; and

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WHEREAS, The Northwestern University Women's Lacrosse Team is the only Division I team from the State of Illinois to win a national championship in one of the 20 NCAA-sponsored women's sports in the last 30 years; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Northwestern University Women's Lacrosse Team  
2           outscored its opponents in 2012 by a combined total of 307-172  
3           and recorded 11 wins over teams ranked in the Top Ten  
4           nationally; and

5           WHEREAS, Northwestern University is the only school in  
6           Illinois fielding an NCAA Division I team among the 92 women's  
7           teams and 61 men's teams in Division I; and

8           WHEREAS, Senior Shannon Smith, the reigning National  
9           Player of the Year, completed her collegiate career by scoring  
10          2 goals against Syracuse, which made her the second leading  
11          point scorer in NCAA tournament history and also made her the  
12          Northwestern University Women's Lacrosse Team's all-time  
13          leader in goals scored, with 254; and

14          WHEREAS, Winning NCAA women's lacrosse titles has become  
15          routine for the Northwestern University Women's Lacrosse Team;  
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17          WHEREAS, The success of a great team can always be traced  
18          to a great coach; and

19          WHEREAS, Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller of the Northwestern  
20          University Women's Lacrosse Team now holds the NCAA women's  
21          lacrosse records for most coaching victories and the best

1 winning percentage in the NCAA National Tournament; therefore,  
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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate and commend the Northwestern University  
6 Women's Lacrosse Team on its seventh NCAA National Championship  
7 in the last 8 years and its victory over Syracuse; and we wish  
8 the team members continued success in the future; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 presented to Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller and to Athletic Director  
12 Jim Phillips as a symbol of our respect and esteem.