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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Goreville Lady Cats
4 softball team on winning the Class 1A state championship on
5 June 2, 2012, in East Peoria; and

6 WHEREAS, Sydnee Rushing tossed a two-hit shutout, and the
7 Lady Cats defeated Payson-Seymour, 6-0, to claim their first
8 state championship; she achieved the remarkable feat of
9 throwing a shutout in every postseason game; the Lady Cats
10 pushed across four runs in the second inning, and that was
11 plenty of support for Rushing, who struck out 13 batters; and

12 WHEREAS, Ashlee Webb reached base on an error, allowing
13 Haley Darnell to score the first run of the game; Rushing
14 followed with a two-run single to center, and Shelby Miller
15 smoked a run-scoring double as well; Taylor Odom blasted her
16 24th homer over the left field fence in the fifth inning to add
17 to her single-season state record; and

18 WHEREAS, The Lady Cats state championship was the crowning
19 achievement in coach Shanna Massey's seven-year career at
20 Goreville; they had to deal with the pressure of being the
21 favorite all season, and they delivered with a 35-4 record; and

1 WHEREAS, The Goreville Lady Cats are Shelbey Miller,
2 Tiffani Shadowens, Laenya Maze, Ashlee Webb, Alison Webb,
3 Micaela Allred, Haley Darnell, Brittney Pritchett, Taylor
4 Odom, McKenzi Schaede, Sydnee Rushing, Kaylee Webb, Hannah
5 Murley, Coach Shanna Massey, Assistant Coach Teresa Cash, and
6 Manager Garen McConnell; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the Goreville Lady Cats Softball team for
10 winning the Class 1A state championship; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Goreville Lady Cats.