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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Jeneva Stevens and
4 congratulate her on her many accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, Jeneva Stevens is the 5th of 7 children born to
6 Oliver McCall and Alethia; she and her family spent time living
7 in the State of Virginia and the south suburbs of Chicago with
8 her grandmother, Shirley Watson; she often missed out on family
9 functions and afterschool activities in order to care for her
10 grandmother when ill; in 2002, as her grandmother recovered,
11 she began to participate in extracurricular activities such as
12 track and field; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2008, Jeneva Stevens graduated high school with
14 the honors of being name Rookie of the Year in 2005 and twice
15 being named the Most Valuable Athlete; she participated in the
16 high school state track meet in both Virginia and Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, Jeneva Stevens received a full scholarship to
18 Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; she graduated with
19 a degree in psychology in 2012 and accomplished spectacular
20 things for the SIU track team; her accomplishments include: 15x
21 Missouri Valley Champion; 3x Missouri Valley Most Valuable
22 Athlete; 3x Missouri Valley Most Outstanding Performer; 4x West

1 Regional Champion; 3x Most Outstanding Midwest Regional
2 Athlete; 11x First Team All-American; 3x NCAA National
3 Champion; finalist for the Track and Field Bowerman's Award;
4 best 3 Event Throwing Combo in the World; best 2 Event Indoor
5 Throwing Combo in the World; 5x World Championship Qualifier,
6 which includes 2 Silver Medals on the Under 23 NACAC
7 International Team, a Gold Medal during the 2013 University
8 Games, and top 10 finishes during the 2013 and 2014 World
9 Championship Finals; a World Ranking of 6th place in the Hammer
10 throw and 8th place in the shot put during 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2013 in Europe, Jeneva Stevens set the record
12 for the farthest distance ever thrown by an American woman
13 overseas in the hammer throw; in Kazan, Russia, at the World
14 University Games, she became the 1st American woman to medal in
15 the hammer throw overseas, becoming the 2nd American to ever
16 beat Russians on Russian soil; she placed 9th in the hammer
17 throw at the World Championships in Moscow, Russia and ranked
18 No.1 in the hammer throw for women in the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2014, Jeneva Stevens ranked 6th in the world
20 for women in the hammer throw and 8th in the world for women in
21 the shot put and she placed 8th at the Indoor World
22 Championships held in Poland; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 recognize Jeneva Stevens and congratulate her on her many
3 accomplishments; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Jeneva Stevens as an expression of our esteem
6 and respect.