

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to recognize outstanding
4 achievements in high school athletics; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Michael McKean
6 of Cissna Park was named the 2002 News-Gazette All-Area Boys'
7 Basketball Player of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael McKean grew up in a household where
9 sports were constantly being televised, and his love for the
10 game of basketball began at an early age; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael McKean's father, Leonard, was a high
12 school basketball coach at 3 different schools when Michael
13 was growing up and his earliest recollections of hitting the
14 court with his father do not involve being handed a
15 basketball in the crib, but rather experiencing what it is
16 like to be part of a team; and

17 WHEREAS, Michael McKean has played school basketball
18 since the fifth grade, prospered through the ranks, and
19 played on the varsity team as a freshman for Cissna Park
20 Crescent Iriquois (CPCI); when his sophomore season finished,
21 he was an honorable mention all-state selection; this year,
22 the 6-foot-five senior forward, who was a multipurpose
23 threat, averaged 22.5 points and six rebounds a game in
24 leading the Timberwolves to their fourth straight Class A
25 regional title; the third-team Class A all-stater by the
26 Associated Press and IBCA second-team all-stater is the
27 program's all-time leading scorer with 1,755 points and set a
28 school steals record with 168; Michael McKean also qualified
29 for the Class A state golf tournament last fall; and

30 WHEREAS, Michael McKean will go to Illinois Wesleyan this
31 fall to play basketball and study math; the mild-mannered

1 senior ranks fourth in his senior class; his modesty and
2 shyness have allowed him to handle the accolades he has
3 achieved, especially in a small town where everybody knows
4 his name; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Michael McKean on his performance and his
8 achievement of the 2002 News-Gazette All-Area Boys'
9 Basketball Player of the Year; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Michael McKean as an expression of our esteem.