

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly are honored
3 to recognize milestone achievements in college sports in the
4 State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Wabash Valley College Warriors Men's
6 Basketball team won the National Junior College Athletic
7 Association Division I National Championship Tournament on
8 Saturday March 24, 2001, and finished a superb season with a
9 record of 36 wins and 1 loss; they are also Great Rivers
10 Athletic Conference, Region 4 and District 4 Champs; and

11 WHEREAS, Wabash Valley College, ranked number 3 in the
12 final N.J.C.A.A. poll, is the first school in Illinois
13 history to achieve this title of N.J.C.A.A. National
14 Champions; and

15 WHEREAS, Wabash Valley College defeated Allegany
16 Community College of Maryland, 89 to 83, in the Championship
17 Game in Hutchinson, Kansas; and

18 WHEREAS, On their way to winning the Championship, Wabash
19 Valley College won the opening first-round game against
20 Barton Co. Community College of Kansas by the score of 90 to
21 77; the Warriors were lead in scoring by freshman, Antwain
22 Barbour with 25 points, and sophomore, Darren Tarver with 22
23 points; and

24 WHEREAS, In the Quarterfinal game, Wabash Valley College
25 depended on an exciting come from behind rally to tie the
26 game as well as a well-played over-time period to defeat
27 Schoolcraft College of Michigan by the score of 94 to 86; the
28 Warriors were lead again in scoring by freshman, Antwain
29 Barbour with 25 points, and sophomore, Darren Tarver with 22
30 points; and

31 WHEREAS, Wabash Valley College played number one ranked

1 Dixie State College of Utah in the Semifinal game; in a very
2 competitive game, where the two teams experienced several
3 ties and lead changes, Wabash Valley College prevailed the
4 winner by the score of 76 to 73; leading the way for the
5 Warriors were sophomore, Darren Tarver with 21 points, and
6 freshman, Antwain Barbour with 19 points; and

7 WHEREAS, Wabash Valley College became the National
8 Champions with a win over Allegany by the score of 89 to 83;
9 the leaders on the court for the Warriors were sophomore,
10 Darren Tarver with 23 points, freshman, Antwain Barbour with
11 21 points, freshman, Omari Westley with 18 points, and Johnny
12 Hollingsworth with 15 points; and

13 WHEREAS, The members of the Wabash Valley Warriors are
14 Michael Betts, Chaz Briggs, Hiram Fuller, John King, Darren
15 Tarver, Antwain Barbour, Andre Charles, Herman Davis, Kyle
16 Foster, Andrew Harlie, C.J. Hill, Johnny Hollingsworth, and
17 Omari Westley; the coach is Jay Spoonhour; the assistants are
18 Jesse Watkins and Clyde Buck; and the team manager is Chris
19 Spade; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
22 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the Wabash
23 Valley College Men's Basketball team on winning the National
24 Junior College Athletic Association Division I National
25 Championship Tournament; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to each member of the Wabash Valley Men's
28 Basketball team as an expression of our esteem.