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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Coach David Luechtefeld on a lifetime of achievement as an athlete, teacher, athletic director, coach, and state senator; and

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WHEREAS, David Luechtefeld demonstrated exceptional talent as a high school basketball player; while playing for Okawville High School from 1954 to 1958, he scored 2,155 points, making him the 96th highest-scoring player in IHSA history and the 2nd highest-scoring player in Okawville High School history, and he scored 30 or more points in 22 games; and

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WHEREAS, While playing basketball and baseball at Okawville High School, David Luechtefeld was a member of the Junior Varsity Flares as a freshman with a 10-10 record, had a perfect 7-0 season as a sophomore, had a 22-6 record in basketball and 7-5 record in baseball his junior year, and had a record of 27-2 in basketball and was undefeated in both conferences at Tri-county and Clinton his senior year; and

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WHEREAS, David Luechtefeld worked at Okawville High School from 1962 to 1994, teaching history and government for 32 years and serving as athletic director for 33 years; and

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1           WHEREAS, During his 28 years as a baseball coach, David  
2 Luechtefeld secured 506 wins and earned a place in the  
3 Illinois Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame; as a basketball coach,  
4 he won nine IHSA championships, seven IHSA Sectional  
5 championships, and a third place in the 1980 Class A State  
6 Tournament; he also coached the winning Class A South team in  
7 the 1976 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA)  
8 All-Star game; and

9           WHEREAS, David Luechtefeld was appointed state senator for  
10 the 58th district in September 1995, serving until 2017; and

11           WHEREAS, During his time in office, David Luechtefeld  
12 served as the Assistant Minority Leader for 14 years and the  
13 Deputy Minority Leader for one year; and

14           WHEREAS, David Luechtefeld has a wife, Flo, four children,  
15 Keith, Jeff, Donna, and Ryan, and 11 grandchildren; and

16           WHEREAS, On January 28, 2025, Okawville High School will  
17 be honoring Dave Luechtefeld at the Luechtefeld Gymnasium for  
18 his years of service and accomplishments as a coach and  
19 athletic director; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we congratulate Coach David Luechtefeld on a lifetime of  
3 achievement as a truly outstanding athlete, athletic director,  
4 and coach, as well as his service as a state senator and  
5 teacher; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we acknowledge the special occasion  
7 honoring David Luechtefeld at Okawville High School, and we  
8 proclaim our respect and esteem for his hard-won place as one  
9 of the finest high school coaches in Illinois history.