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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Kenwood Academy girls
4 basketball team on its historic victory in the 2024-2025
5 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 4A State
6 Championship, the first state title in the program's history;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, On March 8, 2025, Kenwood Academy defeated
9 William Fremd High School 65-44 at Redbird Arena on the campus
10 of Illinois State University, capping a remarkable season
11 marked by discipline, resilience, and excellence; and

12 WHEREAS, This victory represents a significant milestone
13 not only for Kenwood Academy but also for Chicago's South
14 Side, as the team became a symbol of pride, inspiration, and
15 achievement for the community, the school, and the City of
16 Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, The players demonstrated outstanding athletic
18 ability, sportsmanship, and teamwork throughout the season,
19 showcasing the power of hard work and unity; and

20 WHEREAS, The Kenwood Academy girls basketball team roster
21 includes the following talented student-athletes: Ariella

1 Henigan, Danielle Brooks, Diann Jackson, Jada Hamilton-Gill,
2 Laila Walker George, Jasmine McDaniel, Kyra Gavin, Zoe Fowler,
3 Laila Richardson-Jenkins, Jada Kitson, Briana Survillion, Kyla
4 Barksdale, and Demon Page; and

5 WHEREAS, The team was expertly led by Head Coach Andre
6 Lewis, who provided strategic leadership and mentorship, along
7 with Assistant Coaches A. McDaniel, Demon Page, K. Barksdale,
8 B. Chick, Ky Gavin, and B. Survillion, all of whom played vital
9 roles in supporting the players' development and success; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout the season, the team's determination
11 was unwavering as the players overcame challenges, remained
12 focused on their goals, and ultimately rose to the top of Class
13 4A basketball; and

14 WHEREAS, The championship win was met with citywide
15 celebration, and a pep rally at Kenwood Academy served as a
16 heartfelt recognition of the team's monumental accomplishment,
17 highlighting the significance of the team's journey and the
18 inspiration it provided to peers and community members alike;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The Kenwood Academy girls basketball team's
21 success in the IHSA State Championship is a reflection of
22 outstanding coaching, exceptional student-athletes, and a

1 supportive school community, all working together toward
2 excellence; and

3 WHEREAS, Winning an IHSA state championship requires
4 tremendous discipline, preparation, and passion, and Kenwood
5 Academy has now earned its place in Illinois sports history
6 through this trailblazing achievement; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the Kenwood Academy girls basketball team on
10 their historic 2024-2025 IHSA Class 4A State Championship
11 victory and honor their commitment, excellence, and
12 representation of the very best of student athletics in
13 Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the players, the coaches, the staff, the
16 principal, and the administration of Kenwood Academy as a
17 lasting symbol of our respect, admiration, and esteem.