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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Michael K. "Mike" Durkin on being inducted into the University of Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Durkin is a native of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Durkin took up athletic life and academic study at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign from 1971 until his graduation in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, As a college student, Mike Durkin embarked upon the arduous course of studies necessary to apply to and enter law school; and

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WHEREAS, During the same period, Mike Durkin competed for the University of Illinois as a track and field athlete, earning Big Ten championships in nine separate events while non-exclusively specializing in the statute mile and its successor, the 1,500 meter dash; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Durkin's Big Ten championships were earned in meets held in 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975; and

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1           WHEREAS, During the same years at National Collegiate  
2 Athletic Association (NCAA) meets, Mike Durkin finished five  
3 times in the top ten; and

4           WHEREAS, Based on his record, Mike Durkin earned  
5 All-American honors in track and field; and

6           WHEREAS, Mike Durkin trained to run in the Olympic Games  
7 held in 1976 and 1980; he qualified for the U.S. Olympic Team  
8 for both games and competed in Montreal in 1976, although the  
9 team did not go to Moscow in 1980 due to political decisions;  
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11           WHEREAS, While continuing his athletic career, Mike Durkin  
12 studied law at the IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, graduating  
13 in 1978 and passing the Illinois bar in the same year; and

14           WHEREAS, Admitted to the practice of law in Illinois, Mike  
15 Durkin has specialized in municipal law, which as practiced by  
16 himself and his partners encompasses work in appellate  
17 practice, civil litigation, commercial litigation, and  
18 especially labor and employment law; and

19           WHEREAS, Mike Durkin is a founding partner of the firm of  
20 Storino, Ramello & Durkin, with active practice areas in  
21 municipal law and labor/employment law; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2025, Mike Durkin is serving as the village  
2 attorney for Elmwood Park, as well as enjoying the same  
3 standing in Burr Ridge; in addition, he is the township  
4 attorney for Proviso Township, Cook County; and

5           WHEREAS, Mike Durkin is one of the U.S. runners who have  
6 been officially timed as having run a sub-four-minute statute  
7 mile, as the NCAA and the institutions affiliated with the  
8 NCAA hosted their final outdoor races at this distance in 1975  
9 and partly switched over in the following year to the "metric  
10 mile", the 1,500 meter; and

11           WHEREAS, With ten other athletes and coaches, Mike Durkin  
12 was inducted into the company of the University of Illinois'  
13 athletic immortals in a ceremony at the State Farm Center held  
14 on October 10, 2025, signaling that several of his  
15 achievements will never be matched or broken; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we congratulate Michael K. "Mike" Durkin on being inducted  
19 into the University of Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame Class  
20 of 2025; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That we recognize Mike Durkin for his excellence

1 on outdoor tracks, on indoor tracks, and on the exceedingly  
2 fast track of Illinois law; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Mike Durkin as a symbol of our respect and esteem.