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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the University High School girls varsity volleyball team, the Pioneers, on winning the 2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 3A State Championship; and

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WHEREAS, The Pioneers completed their championship season with a two-set victory over the Nazareth Academy girls varsity volleyball team, the Roadrunners, at CEFCU Arena in Normal on November 15, 2025, marking the school's first championship since 2000; and

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WHEREAS, The Pioneers won each of their final 30 matches of the season to finish the year with a 38-4 record, including wins over nearby teams such as Central Catholic High School, Normal Community West High School, Bloomington High School, and Tri-Valley High School; and

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WHEREAS, The Pioneers' championship win reflects a season dedicated to hard work, grit, and resilience, and their success was celebrated with a ceremony held at University High School in Normal on November 21, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, The Pioneers are led by Head Coach Ratasha

1 Thompson, who was completing her first year as head coach
2 after serving in an interim role last season; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of the 2025 Pioneers include Ava
4 Crabtree, Addison Donahue, Emma Eloiza, Madison Funk, Emily
5 Gross, Nina Harden, Avery Holzbauer, Kaitlyn Kline, Emma Jean
6 Lehnen, Kyndel Nelson, Taylor Penn, Morgan Petelin, Laney
7 Snow, Kylie Stanton, and Alyssa Wolf; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate the University High School girls varsity
11 volleyball team, the Pioneers, on winning the 2025 Illinois
12 High School Association (IHSA) Class 3A State Championship,
13 and we wish the team continued success; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Head Coach Ratasha Thompson as a symbol of our
16 respect and esteem.