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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Ethan Cepuran on his
4 remarkable performance at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic
5 Winter Games in Italy; and

6 WHEREAS, Ethan Cepuran, a native of Glen Ellyn, began his
7 journey at the age of two with the Glen Ellyn Speedskating
8 Club, inspired by his older brother, Eric, a junior national
9 champion; he is a proud product of Glen Ellyn schools, having
10 attended Ben Franklin Middle School, Hadley Junior High
11 School, and Glenbard West High School; and

12 WHEREAS, Ethan Cepuran qualified for his first Olympic
13 team at the age of 21 by winning the 5,000m at the U.S. Olympic
14 Team Trials, a historic moment made even more special as his
15 brother, Gordon, announced the race; and

16 WHEREAS, Ethan Cepuran is now a two-time Olympic medalist,
17 having earned a bronze medal in the Team Pursuit at the Beijing
18 2022 Games and most recently a silver medal in the Team Pursuit
19 at the Milano Cortina 2026 Games; and

20 WHEREAS, Ethan Cepuran, beyond his Olympic success, is a
21 world champion, having secured gold in the Team Pursuit at the

1 2025 World Speedskating Championships; he was a vital part of
2 the team that revolutionized the technique for the event, a
3 style now emulated globally, and helped set the current world
4 record in Salt Lake City; and

5 WHEREAS, Ethan Cepuran's dominance in the sport is further
6 evidenced by five consecutive World Cup Season Championships
7 in the Team Pursuit and multiple U.S. Senior and Junior
8 National Championships in distance events; and

9 WHEREAS, Ethan Cepuran, despite his international travel
10 and grueling training schedule, remains a devoted fan of the
11 Chicago Cubs and Chicago Blackhawks and finds balance through
12 his love of fishing and golfing; and

13 WHEREAS, Ethan Cepuran has solidified his legacy as one of
14 the premier long-distance speedskaters in the world;
15 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 Ethan Cepuran on his remarkable performance at
19 the 2026 Olympic Winter Games and his storied career in
20 speedskating and commend him for his dedication, his
21 sportsmanship, and the pride he has brought to the Village of
22 Glen Ellyn and the State of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Ethan Cepuran as a symbol of our esteem and
3 respect.