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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate DeWayne Peevy on being named DePaul University's new Athletic Director on August 24, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, DeWayne Peevy, an admired and respected leader in collegiate athletics, is the first African American to hold this position; and

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WHEREAS, DeWayne Peevy has extensive experience in all areas of collegiate athletics, with a special focus on men's basketball; in his 12 years at Kentucky starting in August 2008, which includes the last seven years as the Deputy Director of Athletics, he played a prominent role with key fundraising efforts, strategic planning, and media relations; he served as the liaison to the Southeastern Conference and SEC network offices and oversaw Kentucky men's basketball; additionally, he directly supervised the chief financial officer, the chief revenue office, and executive associate athletics directors for internal and external operations; and

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WHEREAS, DeWayne Peevy led the creation of the CBS Sports Classic, which started in 2014 and recently signed a three-year extension through 2022; and

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1           WHEREAS, DeWayne Peevy's 23-year career in collegiate  
2 athletics began in media relations; he served as the sports  
3 information director for his alma mater, University of  
4 Montevallo in Alabama, for three years before becoming the  
5 media relations director for the Southeastern Conference  
6 Office; he also served on the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball  
7 Final Four Media Coordination Committee through the 2013 NCAA  
8 Championship; he also spent time as the sports information  
9 director representative on the board of the U.S. Basketball  
10 Writers Association; and

11           WHEREAS, DeWayne Peevy is a native of Birmingham, Alabama;  
12 he received his bachelor's degree in business administration  
13 in accounting from the University of Montevallo and earned his  
14 master's degree at the University of Kentucky/University of  
15 Louisville Executive MBA program in May 2021; he and his wife,  
16 Allison, have two children, Kaitlyn and Braden; therefore, be  
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18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate DeWayne Peevy on being named DePaul  
21 University's new Athletic Director, and we wish him many  
22 successful years; and be it further

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