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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the 2021-2022 Richland County Middle School Basketball Team, the Cubs, on winning the 2022 SIJHSAA (Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association) Class L State Championship; and

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WHEREAS, The Cubs "Finished the Mission" by defeating Marion Junior High School 53-38 in the championship game on February, 18, 2022 at Rend Lake College; and

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WHEREAS, The Cubs shot 28 of 43 from the field for a 65% field goal percentage and grabbed 23 offensive rebounds, which led to 18 put-back points; and

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WHEREAS, The Cubs defeated Mt. Carmel 66 to 40 in the Regional Semifinal, defeated Flora 70 to 41 in the Regional Championship, defeated Belleville West 57 to 48 in the State Quarterfinals, and defeated Mt. Vernon 58 to 31 in the State Semifinals; and

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WHEREAS, The Cubs compiled an undefeated record of 25 wins and 0 losses, had a Junior North Egypt Conference record of 5 wins and 0 losses, and took 1st place at the Olney Pre-Season Tournament; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Cubs are led by Head Coach Collin Michael
2 Klingler, Assistant Coach Dakotah Lee Brown, Manager Conner
3 Mitchell Akers, and Manager Holden Allen Ginder; and

4 WHEREAS, The Cubs team members are Carsyn Laine Ameter,
5 Reid Bradford Brown, Gavyn Wayne Cothorn, Nicco Lee
6 Fehrenbacher, Reese Thomas Glover, Brandon Henry Green, Ryan
7 Doan Kirby, Reed Lawrence Klingler, Jaylan Misao Mitchell,
8 Ayden Curtis Nealis, Ian Mitchell Pianfetti, Mason Lane Riggs,
9 Zander James Schrader, Casey Andrew Thomann, Jakoby James
10 VanDyke, and Xavior Matthew Zuber; and

11 WHEREAS, Jaylan Mitchell and Casey Thomann both received
12 All-State nominations; and

13 WHEREAS, Gavyn Cothorn, Jaylan Mitchell, and Casey Thomann
14 received all All-Star game nominations; and

15 WHEREAS, The Cubs have made SIJHSAA State Tournament
16 appearances in 2006, 2009, 2013, and 2019, placing 4th in
17 2019; their previous best finish was 2nd in 2006; therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate the 2021-2022 Richland County Middle School
2 Basketball Team, the Cubs, on winning the 2022 SIJHSAA Class L
3 State Championship; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 presented to team members and coaches and to Richland County
6 Middle School Principal Darrell Houchin as a symbol of our
7 respect and esteem.