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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Kankakee High School
4 girls track and field team, the Lady Kays, on the occasion of
5 winning the IHSA Class 2A Finals; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lady Kays scored 74 points, earning 23 more
7 than the runner-up, University High School; the team won six
8 events, with seven athletes earning a combined 17 medals
9 across seven events; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lady Kays are comprised of many talented
11 kids; the breakout star was freshman Naomi Bey-Osborne, who
12 won four titles, including individually in the 200-meter dash
13 with a time of 25.22 seconds and the 400-meter dash with a time
14 of 56.53 and as the anchor of the 4x100-meter relay with a time
15 of 48.35 seconds and the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3
16 minutes and 57.93 seconds; the team's other individual
17 champion was sophomore long jumper Na'Kyrah Cooks, who won
18 first place in long jump with a distance of 5.44 meters; also
19 earning points individually was junior Nevaeh Lowe, who took
20 third in both the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.68 seconds
21 and the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.75 seconds, and she
22 also anchored the winning 4x200-meter relay with a time of one
23 minute and 41.65 seconds and ran the second leg on the

1 first-place 4x400-meter relay; sophomore Aniya Lewis was
2 disqualified after an apparent third-place finish in the
3 400-meter dash but returned to run the second leg of the
4 4x400-meter relay; seniors Sydney Ramsey, Saniah Stewart, and
5 Jakia Autman also contributed to the relays; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lady Kays were also joined in celebrations
7 with the Kankakee High School boys track team, the Chief Kays,
8 as they too won the IHSA Class 2A Finals, marking the first
9 team state championships ever won by Kankakee High School; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lady Kays and Chief Kays are not only special
11 but also inspirational; the teams were sadly hit with the loss
12 of two assistant coaches, Jemiya Bates and Chwan Wilson, with
13 Coach Bates dying of brain cancer and Coach Wilson passing due
14 to COVID-19 complications; these teams took their late
15 coaches' passion and love to heart, making them both proud by
16 working together to overcome their competition; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lady Kays were led by Head Coach Marques
18 Lowe, Assistant Coaches Erica Baptist, the late Jemiya Bates,
19 Sarah Ganster, Rich Olmstead, and the late Chwan Wilson, and
20 Meet Director Kurt Weigt; and

21 WHEREAS, The Lady Kays' achievement and the memories made
22 in the process will be celebrated for years to come; the team,

1 together with those that love them dearly, will always cherish
2 this moment; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate the Kankakee High School girls track and field
6 team, the Lady Kays, on winning the IHSA Class 2A Finals; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Lady Kays as an expression of our esteem and
10 respect.