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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the 2021-2022 North Clay  
4 High School boys baseball team, the Cardinals, on the occasion  
5 of winning the 2022 Illinois High School Association (IHSA)  
6 Class 1A State Baseball Championship; and

7           WHEREAS, The Cardinals achieved the ultimate goal by  
8 defeating the Brown County Hornets in the state championship  
9 game at Dozier Park in Peoria on June 4, 2022, with a score of  
10 12 to 4; and

11           WHEREAS, The Cardinals won North Clay High School's first  
12 ever state championship, setting a school record for most wins  
13 with 33 and outscoring their opponents 419 to 120, thereby  
14 becoming the first team in school history to qualify for the  
15 state tournament and the first team in Clay County history as  
16 well; previously, the 2015-16 team had advanced to the Super  
17 Sectional, which was the longest post-season run in school  
18 history, losing to the eventual state champion Goreville; and

19           WHEREAS, The Cardinals defeated Cisne 11 to 0 and Farina  
20 South Central 5 to 1 to win the Louisville (North Clay)  
21 Regional; the team defeated Okaw Valley 13 to 3 and  
22 Windsor/Stewardson Strasburg 3 to 2 to win the Effingham (St.

1 Anthony) Sectional; the team additionally defeated Steelville  
2 8 to 3 to win the Carbondale (SIU) Super-Sectional; and

3 WHEREAS, The Cardinals compiled a record of 26 wins and 1  
4 loss in the fall and 33 wins and 6 losses this spring; the team  
5 had a National Trail Conference record of 8 wins and 0 losses  
6 and won the NTC Championship over Windsor/Stewardson Strasburg  
7 11 to 3; and

8 WHEREAS, The Cardinals won the Wooden Bat Tournament at  
9 Teutopolis by defeating St. Anthony 4 to 2 and Teutopolis 13 to  
10 12; the team also won the Cardinal Classic in Louisville by  
11 defeating Neoga 14 to 1 and Teutopolis 6 to 4; and

12 WHEREAS, The Cardinals were led by Head Coach John Frech,  
13 Assistant Coach Hunter Clifton, Athletic Trainer Cassandra  
14 Kohlhouse, Batboy Eastyn Frech, and Athletic Director Rich  
15 Grubaugh; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2021-2022 Cardinals were Evan Clifton, Logan  
17 Fleener, Layton Dawkins, Collyn Ballard, Miguel Blazquez,  
18 Jacob Hoyt, Bryton Griffy, Ayden Jones, Landon Frye, Gavin  
19 Hosselton, Donnie Zimmerman, Daniel Warren, Alex Boose, Keegan  
20 Sullens, Holden Clifton, Dakota Weidner, Carson Burkett, Jesse  
21 Weidner, Brady Ingram, and Matt Sullens; and

1           WHEREAS, The achievements of the North Clay High School  
2 boys baseball team players have continued; Donnie Zimmerman  
3 was selected for the 1A All-State First Team, named the NTC  
4 Conference MVP, and signed to play for Kaskaskia College;  
5 Holden Clifton, Collyn Ballard, Carson Burkett, and Brady  
6 Ingram were named NTC All-Conference selections; Holden  
7 Clifton and Bryton Griffy have signed to play with Vincennes  
8 University; and

9           WHEREAS, The Cardinals are an amazing group of kids who  
10 have played together since they were in tee ball, with their  
11 team slogan being "10 years in the making"; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate the 2021-2022 North Clay High School boys  
15 baseball team, the Cardinals, on winning the 2022 IHSA Class  
16 1A State Championship; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 presented to the Cardinals, the coaches, North Clay Unit #25  
19 Superintendent Travis Wyatt, and North Clay High School  
20 Principal Keith Price as a symbol of our respect and esteem.