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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in the lives of citizens of the State; and

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WHEREAS, Norma Anderson of St. Joseph, a teacher at Oakwood High School, has become one of the winningest coaches in Vermilion County history; on January 29, 2005, Coach Anderson's Scholastic Bowl team defeated Blue Ridge, earning the coach her 500th career win; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson has taught biology and Spanish at Oakwood High School for 35 years and started one of the first scholastic bowl teams in Vermilion County in 1980; with the help of two other teachers who have since retired, she got a copy of scholastic bowl rules, recruited some students, and they began competing, sometimes traveling two and a half hours to reach schools that also had teams; she later attended a Vermilion County principals' meeting to encourage other schools to start teams; the event has grown locally and across the State into an activity officially recognized by the Illinois High School Association; and

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WHEREAS, Over the years, the Oakwood High School team has become an opponent to be reckoned with; the team has had a winning record every year but two, drawing motivation from a coach who does not like to lose; and

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WHEREAS, To date, her career total is 519 wins; the team's record last year was 44 wins and 15 losses; she is married to Paul Anderson and says that the best part of Scholastic Bowl is working with the kids and seeing their happiness when they have done well; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we congratulate Coach Norma Anderson on earning her 500th win  
3 and becoming one of the winningest coaches in Vermilion County  
4 history; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Mrs. Anderson as an expression of our respect and  
7 esteem and with best wishes for her continued coaching success.