



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, When the 2005 season concluded, the girls
3 volleyball team of Breese Mater Dei High School, the Lady
4 Knights, again earned their way into the upper echelon of
5 Illinois girls volleyball teams; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights' accomplishments in volleyball
7 were achieved by hard work, in practices and in games, by team
8 members from each class and in each playing position;
9 specifically, the squad included: two seniors, Amanda Rickhoff
10 (MH) and Whitney Voss (L), the team captains; three juniors,
11 Larissa Huels (S), Ellen Huelsmann (L), and Becca Lamb (OH);
12 seven sophomores, Katie Becker (OH), Megan Gebke (L), Jessica
13 Hemann (MH), Erin Kasson (OH), Jamie Loepker (OH), Kayla
14 Schroeder (OH), and Lindsay Winkeler (S); and three freshman,
15 Cortney Crocker (L), Morgan Dall (MH), and Laura Thole (OH);
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In his twenty-ninth year as the Breese Mater Dei
18 girls volleyball coach, Fred Rakers notched another winning
19 season in 2005 with a record of 35 wins and only 5 loses,
20 thereby improving his overall coaching record at Breese Mater
21 Dei to 846 wins, 157 losses, and 5 ties, for an overall winning
22 percentage of .839 in the 1008 games of the Lady Knights that
23 he coached; and

24 WHEREAS, In guiding the team to another excellent season,
25 Coach Rakers was joined on the bench by Assistant Coach Erin
26 Kopec; and

27 WHEREAS, Throughout the season, the Lady Knights were
28 heartened, home and away, by support from their loyal fans; and

29 WHEREAS, The Illinois High School Association's (IHSA)
30 Class AA Girls Volleyball Tournament began with teams from 284

1 high schools across Illinois; and

2 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights steadily advanced in the
3 tournament and garnered a Regional title at Marion, a Sectional
4 title at Salem, and a Super-Sectional title at O'Fallon; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 11-12, 2005, the IHSA held the State
6 Final Tournament in Class AA Girls Volleyball in the Redbird
7 Arena at Illinois State University; and

8 WHEREAS, In the quarterfinal round of the IHSA tournament,
9 the Lady Knights valiantly battled the Joliet Catholic Academy
10 Angels for the right to advance to the semi-final round, but
11 the Lady Knights, after outlasting Joliet Catholic Academy by a
12 score of 27-25 in the first game, fell to the Angels in the
13 next two games; and

14 WHEREAS, The Mater Dei Lady Knights concluded another
15 excellent season with a record of 35 wins and only 5 losses;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate the Lady Knights from Breese Mater Dei High
20 School on their impressive volleyball season and participation
21 in the quarter-final round of the IHSA Class AA Girls
22 Volleyball Tournament; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the Lady Knights Head Coach Fred Rikers as an
25 expression of our esteem.