



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2005, Coach Bob Spoo led the Eastern Illinois
3 University Panthers football team to their third Ohio Valley
4 Conference championship in the last five years with a perfect
5 conference record of eight wins and no losses; and

6 WHEREAS, With an overall record of nine wins and three
7 losses, the Panthers were ranked fifteenth by USA Today/ESPN
8 and earned the school's tenth NCAA I-AA playoff berth; and

9 WHEREAS, Following the Panthers' ninth winning season in
10 the last 12 years, Coach Spoo was honored as the Ohio Valley
11 Conference's Coach of the Year, his third time being named
12 conference coach of the year; junior linebacker Clint Sellers
13 was named Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year
14 as well as being named All-American; safety Tristan Burge and
15 linebacker Lucius Seymour, both juniors, also were named
16 All-Americans; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Spoo is the winningest football coach in EIU
18 history, with a record 119 wins; he has twice been the American
19 Football Coaches Association's Region Coach of the Year; in
20 1995, he was named Co-Coach of the Year for Division I-AA by
21 the Football Gazette; and in 2000, he was the runner-up for the
22 Eddie Robinson I-AA National Coach of the Year award; and

23 WHEREAS, Coach Spoo and his staff also place a great
24 emphasis on academics, a stance that has been publicly
25 commended by the EIU faculty Senate; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we congratulate Coach Bob Spoo and the Eastern Illinois
29 University Panthers football team on an outstanding season and
30 on winning their third Ohio Valley Conference championship in

1 the last five years; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Coach Spoo and the EIU Panthers football team as
4 an expression of our esteem.