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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives and the Illinois State Senate are proud to
4 honor the achievements and contributions, both academic and
5 athletic, of those colleges and universities which are located
6 in the State; and

7 WHEREAS, In its 2013 season, the Loyola University Chicago
8 men's volleyball team won the Midwest Intercollegiate
9 Volleyball Association Tournament title for the first time in
10 the school's history; it made its first-ever appearance in the
11 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's
12 Volleyball Championship, finished its season with a record of
13 22 wins and 10 losses, and finished ranked ninth in the final
14 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I-II Coaches
15 Poll; and

16 WHEREAS, In its 2014 season, the Loyola University Chicago
17 men's volleyball team finished the regular season with 24 wins
18 and one loss, winning the Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball
19 Association Tournament title for the second time, and making
20 its second appearance in the NCAA Men's Volleyball
21 Championship; and

22 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago hosted the 2014 NCAA

1 Men's Volleyball Championship in the Gentile Arena at its Lake
2 Shore Campus in May of 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, On May 1, 2014, the Loyola University Chicago's
4 men's volleyball team head coach, Shane Davis, was named Coach
5 of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, and
6 assistant coach Mark Hulse was named Assistant Coach of the
7 Year; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 3, 2014, in front of a capacity crowd of
9 4,475 in the Gentile Arena, the Loyola University Chicago men's
10 volleyball team defeated Stanford University with a 4-set win
11 in the NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship, earning the school
12 its first ever men's volleyball championship title; and

13 WHEREAS, The Loyola University Chicago men's volleyball
14 team is the only men's volleyball team in the State to hold the
15 title of NCAA Men's Volleyball Champions; and

16 WHEREAS, The Loyola University Chicago men's volleyball
17 team is only the fourth team to win the NCAA Men's Volleyball
18 Championship on its own home court; and

19 WHEREAS, The NCAA men's volleyball championship title is
20 the second NCAA team championship title in the history of
21 Loyola University Chicago and the first since the men's

1 basketball program captured the NCAA Men's Basketball
2 Championship in 1963; and

3 WHEREAS, The Loyola University Chicago men's volleyball
4 team finished the 2014 season with a record of 29 wins and one
5 loss, at one point winning 27 consecutive matches; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Volleyball Coaches Association
7 Coaches poll ranked the Loyola University Chicago's men's
8 volleyball team number one in the country in 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, The 2014 Loyola University Chicago's men's
10 volleyball team featured 4 All-Americans, including the NCAA
11 Tournament Most Outstanding Player, Cody Caldwell, and the 2014
12 Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Player of the
13 Year, Thomas Jaeschke, of Wheaton; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we honor and congratulate all of
17 the players and coaches of the Loyola University Chicago's 2014
18 NCAA men's volleyball championship team for their
19 achievements, for bringing honor to the citizens of the State,
20 and for inspiring all high school and collegiate athletics and
21 athletic teams in the State in the pursuit of excellence; and
22 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this joint resolution
2 shall be presented to Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., President of
3 Loyola University Chicago, on behalf of the Loyola University
4 Chicago 2014 men's volleyball team, as a symbol of our respect
5 and esteem.