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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Sports participation has become a part of American life and has been ingrained into the consciousness of society; and

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WHEREAS, There must be officials to enforce the rules of the game and judge potential disputes between participants on the field; and

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WHEREAS, Many officials volunteer their time or receive only minimal compensation; and

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WHEREAS, Many officials participate out of a sheer love of the game and to teach children who play the game valuable lessons, such as sportsmanship, working as a team, and working within the rules of the game to achieve a common goal; and

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WHEREAS, Many officials are cross-trained to officiate multiple sports; and

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WHEREAS, Sports officials must make split-second decisions, often under pressure; and

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WHEREAS, Proper officiating reduces the risk of sports injuries; and

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1           WHEREAS, Officiating proficiency requires rigorous  
2 training and self-discipline; and

3           WHEREAS, Officials must not only know the rules of the  
4 sport they are officiating, but also be in peak physical  
5 condition; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 acknowledge the hard work and dedication of youth sports  
9 officials throughout the State.