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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives would like to congratulate Newman Central  
4 Catholic High School's athletic director and head football  
5 coach, Mike Papoccia, on the occasion of his 300th career win;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Mike Papoccia joins only 7 other football coaches  
8 in IHSA history to win 300 games, a coveted milestone; and

9           WHEREAS, Newman Catholic Central High School, located in  
10 Sterling, has had the honor of having Mike Papoccia coach their  
11 student-athletes for 35 years; and

12           WHEREAS, Over that time, Mike Papoccia has compiled a  
13 record of 300-93; he has also led his teams to IHSA Class 1A  
14 State titles in 1990 and 1994 and IHSA Class 2A State titles in  
15 2004, 2010, and 2013; and

16           WHEREAS, The Chicago Bears named Mike Papoccia as its High  
17 School "Coach of the Week" in the second week of their  
18 2015-2016 season for his extraordinary talent in developing  
19 players' football skills, as well as their knowledge,  
20 character, leadership, discipline, and teamwork abilities; and

1           WHEREAS, Mike Papoccia is revered as both a fantastic head  
2 coach of the Comets and a humble, motivational, and caring role  
3 model to his community; and

4           WHEREAS, The members of this body are appreciative of Mike  
5 Papoccia for his continued hard work and dedication to Newman  
6 Central Catholic's athletic programs over the years, where he  
7 has built an impressive athletics program and developed the  
8 athletic skills and character of hundreds of young men and  
9 women; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate Coach Mike Papoccia on the occasion of his 300th  
13 career win and wish him many more successful seasons to come;  
14 and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Mike Papoccia as an expression of our esteem and  
17 respect.