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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Centralia High
4 School boys basketball team, the Orphans, on regaining the
5 prestigious distinction as the winningest basketball program
6 in the country; and

7 WHEREAS, The Centralia High School boys basketball program
8 is one of the most storied basketball programs in the nation;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Orphans have reached the finals in the
11 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Basketball
12 Tournament 24 times since 1909, and have won three State
13 championships; and

14 WHEREAS, The Orphans long-term success led the team to
15 becoming the winningest high school program in the country when
16 they won their 2000th game during the 2007-08 season; and

17 WHEREAS, The Orphans relinquished their crown for a brief
18 time to Dobyys Bennett High School in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

19 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2016, with a 67-35 win over Salem in
20 the IHSA Regional Semifinal, the Orphans reached a historical

1 2,197 accumulative wins, surpassing Dobyys Bennett's 2,196;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The hard-working members of the Orphans are
4 D'Aaron Owens, Gavin Cass, Lundyn Waithe, Ja'Chai Webster,
5 Tre'von McClain, Johnathan Keeler, Deven Toennies, Jordan
6 Maines, Dawson Berry, Tyriq Billberry, Javon Williams Jr.,
7 Jared Glenn, Bryan Meskil, Peyton Long, and Sirlando Calcutt;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Orphans are coached by Head Coach Lee Bennett
10 and Assistant Coaches, Brad Goewey, Doug Jack, Tommy Baro, and
11 Cole Schrage; and Student Managers, Mitchel Pierce and Jordan
12 Branon; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate the coaches and members of the Centralia High
16 School boys basketball team, the Orphans, for their hard work
17 and dedication which led to becoming (again) the winningest
18 basketball program in the country, and we wish them many more
19 years of success; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Orphans as an expression of our esteem and
22 respect.