

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor milestones in junior  
4 high school sports in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Fulton Junior High 8th grade baseball team,  
6 the O'Fallon Panthers, became the Tri-County Conference  
7 Champions on October 4, 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, The Panthers met the challenge by first  
9 defeating the Highland Junior High Bulldogs in the regional  
10 playoffs; they then went on to defeat the Carmi Bulldogs by  
11 the score of 4-0 in the quarterfinals; they then defeated  
12 Anna Junior High in a nail-biter victory by the score of 1-0;  
13 finally, they faced DuQuoin Junior High in the title game;  
14 after beating DuQuoin by a score of 15-5, the Panthers  
15 returned home as the new Tri-County Conference Champions; and

16 WHEREAS, The O'Fallon Panthers set a new school record by  
17 finishing the season with 21 wins and 3 losses; and

18 WHEREAS, The O'Fallon Panther team consists of Brian  
19 Gass, Zach McCarter, Jordan Colvin, Tyler Harris, Justin  
20 Stewart, Matt Goldschmidt, Zach Valentine, Caleb Dziurdzy,  
21 Scott Kennedy, Tyler Lauderdale, Sean Miller, Josh Boswell,  
22 Mike Webster, Drew Hursey, Phil Rayford, and Justin Nash; the  
23 coach is Tracy Lauderdale and the assistant coaches are Bill  
24 Gass, Kellen Kettwich, Matt Wicinski, and Brian Evans; and

25 WHEREAS, In addition to their impressive athletic  
26 ability, the O'Fallon Panthers recently demonstrated  
27 impressive citizenship by raising more than \$600 for the  
28 Alzheimer's Association through their participation, along  
29 with some 7th grade players, in the Metro East Memory Walk  
30 2001 to help raise awareness of the disease and support the  
31 services offered at the Alzheimer's Association; and

1           WHEREAS, The O'Fallon Panther team displayed outstanding  
2 sportsmanship, service, and dedication not only for Fulton  
3 Junior High School, but also to their community; therefore,  
4 be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we congratulate the Fulton Junior High School 8th grade  
8 baseball team on winning the 2001 Tri-County Conference  
9 Championship and for their community service; and be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 presented to Coach Tracy Lauderdale, Assistant Coaches Billy  
13 Gass, Kellen Kettwich, Matt Wicinski, and Brian Evans, and to  
14 each member of the O'Fallon Panther team as an expression of  
15 our esteem.