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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Patten Gymnasium at Northwestern University in
3 Evanston was the site of the very first men's Division I NCAA
4 basketball championship in 1939; since then, 317 different
5 men's basketball teams have participated in the annual NCAA
6 tournament; and

7 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2017, the Northwestern Wildcats Men's
8 Basketball Team won their 10th conference game over the
9 University of Michigan to clinch a winning record in the Big
10 Ten Conference for the first time since 1932; and

11 WHEREAS, After 78 years, the Wildcats were finally selected
12 to participate in the NCAA basketball tournament on March 12,
13 2017; the program earned their first NCAA tournament victory in
14 the first round with a 68 to 66 win over Vanderbilt University;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Wildcats compiled a record of 24 wins and 12
17 losses during the 2016-2017 season; and

18 WHEREAS, The Wildcats are not only dedicated to athletic
19 excellence, but they are also leaders in the classroom,
20 consistently ranking among the top Division I men's basketball
21 teams in graduation rates and grade point average; and

1 WHEREAS, Through their abilities, character, and
2 leadership on and off the court, the Wildcats serve as positive
3 role models for young men throughout the State of Illinois;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Northwestern University and its athletes,
8 coaches, faculty, students, administration, and alumni on
9 receiving their first invitation to compete in the 2017 NCAA
10 Men's Basketball Championship Tournament, and we commend
11 Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic and
12 academic excellence; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Northwestern University Head Coach Chris Collins
15 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.