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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Gibson  
4 City-Melvin-Sibley High School varsity football team, the  
5 Falcons, on winning the 2017 Illinois High School Association  
6 (IHSA) Class 2A State Football Championship; and

7           WHEREAS, The Falcons defeated Maroa-Forsyth 38 to 32 in a  
8 thrilling game on November 24, 2017 to win their first 2A State  
9 Championship in school history; and

10           WHEREAS, In the semifinals, the Falcons defeated Newman  
11 Central Catholic, a team with 17 consecutive 2A playoff  
12 appearances, by a score of 14 to 8; and

13           WHEREAS, The Falcons went undefeated for the entirety of  
14 the season, finishing with a record of 14 wins and zero losses;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, The Falcons are led by Head Coach Mike Allen and  
17 Assistant Coaches Chad Augspurger, Chad Acree, Kip Rutledge,  
18 Todd McNutt, Rob Schmitt, Josh Carter, Brandon Luttrell, Seeff  
19 Grauer, and Jamie Sexton; and

20           WHEREAS, The Falcons are Ethan Duke, Lane Short, Nathan

1 Kallal, Ben Freehill, Mitch McNutt, Brooks Schmitt, Nathan  
2 Garard, Andrew Laughery, Isaiah Chatman, Layne Harden, Bryce  
3 Barnes, Josh Bleich, Lance Livingston, Ryland Holt, Jarad  
4 Trantina, Payton Kean, Cade Elliott, Nick Culler, Daniel Jones,  
5 Marcus Baillie, Austin Spiller, Jakob Dunham, Spencer Meenen,  
6 Caleb Dunham, Hunter Wahl, Jared Thompson, Connor Wahls, Luke  
7 Freehill, Ben Retherford, Alex Rosenbaum, Trey Reynolds, Joe  
8 Allen, Keegan Kutemeier, Remi Astronomo, Ryan Shambrook, Owen  
9 Duke, Dylan Benningfield, Darrin Brown, Hayden Workman, Alex  
10 Meece, Mitchell Meenen, Garrett Wright, Jordan Lee, and Dallas  
11 Whelchel; and

12 WHEREAS, The Falcons are models of hard work, dedication,  
13 and team spirit; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 congratulate the Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley High School varsity  
17 football team, the Falcons, on winning the 2017 Illinois High  
18 School Association Class 2A State Football Championship, and we  
19 wish them continued success in the future; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
21 presented to the Head Coach Mike Allen and Gibson  
22 City-Melvin-Sibley High School Principal Chris Garard as a  
23 symbol of our respect and esteem.