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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Lincoln-Way
4 East High School football team, the Griffins, on winning the
5 2017 Illinois High School Association Class 8A State
6 Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, The Griffins faced a grueling schedule throughout
8 the season that some considered the most challenging in the
9 State; and

10 WHEREAS, The Griffins capped an undefeated season with a
11 thrilling 23 to 14 comeback win against Loyola Academy on
12 November 25th; and

13 WHEREAS, Head Coach Rob Zvonar led his team to a 14 and 0
14 record; it is the school's second football title and the first
15 one in 12 years; and

16 WHEREAS, In the championship game, sophomore AJ Henning led
17 the Griffins with 154 rushing yards and two touchdowns to
18 ensure their victory; and

19 WHEREAS, Quarterback Brendan Morrissey threw for 79
20 passing yards and one touchdown; and

1 WHEREAS, The Griffins' defense played a vital role in the
2 victory by holding Loyola Academy to only 39 rushing yards; and

3 WHEREAS, The Griffins were led by a senior class that
4 included Kwaku Appiah, John Bartusiewicz, Dugan Bolsoni, Riley
5 Boyter, Bradley Brajkovich, Zach Broadhurst, Sam Broda, Jake
6 Buhe, Declan Carr, Max Cesario, John Christensen, Jack Cohrs,
7 Calvin Covaciu, Koby Culbreath, Blake DeButch, Brennan
8 Flaherty, Brendan Gallagher, Cavon Gardner, Jared Gold,
9 Antonio Gradi, Parker Graham, Jaden Hacha, Chris Harper, Brett
10 Jennrich, Preston Jones, Mason Keenan, Marc Kirby, Jake Mashin,
11 Evan McDermed, Shea McGivern, Caden McMann, Lucas Michaels,
12 Jonathan Miller, Brendan Morrissey, Jared Mutter, Jon Novak,
13 Devin O'Rourke, Joey Paliga, Turner Pallissard, Shane
14 Pedersen, Quentyn Petrowsky, Ben Ravetto, Tyler Salgado, Ryan
15 Scianna, Creighton Seibert, Desmond Shelton, Jake Tencza,
16 Adrian Villasenor, Troy White, Chris Wilder, Nick Zavis, and
17 Jake Zawilinski; and

18 WHEREAS, The Griffins' roster also consisted of a number of
19 juniors and sophomores, including Jake Alberts, Chase
20 Anderson, Trevor Baker, Jack Baltz, Collin Beneturski, Cameron
21 Cartee, Gus Christensen, Frank Ciatteo, Brian Ciciura, Matt
22 Clark, John Cooke, Jordan Corbett, Tommy Criscione, Dan Curran,
23 Jeremiah Dawson, Nick Easton, Dane Eggert, Patrick Emch, Julian

1 Flores, Robert Franklin, Branden Garcia, Blaine Gorman, Randy
2 Johnson, Matt Judd, Ryan Kazmierczak, Mike Manning, Nick
3 Mihajlovich, Jack Moylan, Dylan Narel, Marty O'Brien, Josh
4 Ohiku, Kenny Palmer, Gage Palmer, Mark Pellegrini, Jackson
5 Ritter, Matt Rogien, Brandon Romano, Jason Roney, Andrew Ronza,
6 Danny Scianna, Alan Sedlack, Dylan Shelton, Trent Siggins,
7 Anthony Sottosanto, Darius Stewart, Mick Stewart, Jack
8 Tomczak, Parker Tummolo, Matt Varchetto, Nate Warning, Dan
9 Winterrowd, Dominic Dzioban, Silas Haberkorn, Jaron Hacha,
10 A.J. Henning, Jacob Kramer, Sean McLaughlin, Wilber Milhouse,
11 Alec Ogarek, Kyle Quinn, Joshua Vargas, Devon Williams, P.J.
12 Wilkes, and Adrian Wilson; and

13 WHEREAS, Head Coach Rob Zvonar's staff included Joel
14 Pallissard, Tom Grogan, Ed LeFevour, Lance Lokanc, Matt Mrozek,
15 Mike Sieja, Dale Augustine, Wilber Milhouse, Matt Nelson,
16 Michael Sazama, Jack Aleck, Jeremy Vestal, Blake Anders, Nick
17 Gniedziejko, Kevin Rockett, Sean Stewart, Ryne Van Gennep, Kyle
18 Vestal, Jake Aleck, Jack Eddy, Greg Kowalski, Ryan Martinsen,
19 Jack Conry, Jeff Maurer, and Jason Jones; and

20 WHEREAS, The Griffins serve as models of hard work,
21 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State;
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate the Lincoln-Way East High School football team,
3 the Griffins, on winning the 2017 Illinois High School
4 Association Class 8A State Championship; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we wish Coach Rob Zvonar and the Griffins
6 many more successful seasons to come; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 presented to the Lincoln-Way East Griffins Head Coach Rob
9 Zvonar and each member of the team and coaching staff as a
10 symbol of our esteem and respect.