



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate the Celtic Force
4 15 Green volleyball team of Palos Heights on taking first place
5 in the Girls 15 Open division at the USA Volleyball Junior
6 National Championship tournament; and

7 WHEREAS, Celtic Force 15 Green won two out of three games
8 against Asics Kiva 15 Red of Kentucky to take the championship
9 at the Reliant Center in Houston; in the final game, Celtic
10 Force was down by four points but came back to win; and

11 WHEREAS, This is the first time Celtic Force 15 Green has
12 won the national title; two years ago, the team placed fourth
13 in the tournament; and

14 WHEREAS, Three of the team's members were recognized for
15 individual accomplishments; Meghan Eskew of Indiana was named
16 the Most Valuable Player, and Abby Nelson and Dana VanSycle
17 were among the top 12 players; and

18 WHEREAS, Celtic Force draws student athletes from across
19 the Chicago area and has been in existence since 1997; the
20 team, nicknamed the Bone Crushers, made it to the national
21 competition by taking second place in the 2004 U.S. Junior
22 Volleyball National Qualifier, Northern Lights event held in
23 April in Minneapolis, Minnesota; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
26 congratulate the Celtic Force 15 Green volleyball team on
27 taking first place in the Girls 15 Open division at the USA
28 Volleyball Junior National Championship tournament; and be it
29 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Celtic Force 15 Green volleyball team as an
3 expression of our esteem and with best wishes for the future
4 success of the team.