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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the  
4 Libertyville Boys Club on the occasion of the club's 75th  
5 anniversary on September 6, 2008; and

6           WHEREAS, The Libertyville Boys Club (LBC) is a  
7 volunteer-based Illinois not-for-profit organization that  
8 creates and administers tackle football and cheerleading  
9 programs; the program originally served as a boxing club,  
10 drawing large crowds to Lake County until the boxing program  
11 dwindled during World War II; historically serving all of Lake  
12 County, the LBC currently serves Libertyville and central Lake  
13 County by making instructional and participative football and  
14 cheerleading programs available to boys and girls between the  
15 ages of six and fourteen; and

16           WHEREAS, The Libertyville Boys Club played their first  
17 football games at St. Joe's and Highland Schools in  
18 Libertyville; in the late 1970s, the program was moved to  
19 Butler Lake Park, where it resides today; in the early 1980s,  
20 the league's numbers dwindled to a low of 100 participating  
21 athletes; however, through the inspired efforts of Bill  
22 DeBruler, Dennis Mudd, and Jean French, the LBC moved forward  
23 and will teach football to over 800 athletes during the 2008

1 fall season; and

2 WHEREAS, The Libertyville Boys Club seeks to teach the  
3 fundamentals of the game of football and to promote a sense of  
4 sportsmanship and fair play to youth through participation in  
5 team activities while in an environment that stresses fun for  
6 all participants; and

7 WHEREAS, The Libertyville Boys Club has provided youth  
8 sports activities to over 15,000 participants since its  
9 inception; the LBC Football Program currently fields 24  
10 in-house teams, 16 flag football teams, and 5 travel teams that  
11 serve over 800 boys and girls in the Libertyville area; and

12 WHEREAS, All participants in the Libertyville Boys Club  
13 Youth Football program have the right to be part of a team, to  
14 try out for any position and earn the position through effort  
15 and skill demonstrated at practice and during games, and to  
16 participate in all games at a position assigned by the coaching  
17 staff and in accordance the rules; and

18 WHEREAS, Many former players, as well as ex-NFL players,  
19 have coached or are now coaching in the Libertyville Boys Club  
20 Youth Football program, including Glen Kozlowski, Jim  
21 Thornton, Ron Rivera, Jim Morissey, Dave Duerson, Robin Earl,  
22 Vince Tobin, and Bob Wylie; the LBC has also produced numerous

1 high school and college-level football players and current NFL  
2 Houston Texan Kevin Walter; and

3 WHEREAS, The Libertyville Boys Club continues to flourish  
4 under the direction of the current Board of Directors; the  
5 members of the Board of Directors are Meade Detweiler, Mike  
6 Currier, Rich Danilkowitz, John Teichman, Mike Johnson, and  
7 Danny Nickolich; and

8 WHEREAS, The Libertyville Boys Club Youth Football program  
9 has imparted the values of sportsmanship, self-confidence, and  
10 integrity to countless young men and women in the State of  
11 Illinois, an accomplishment worthy of the greatest respect;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 congratulate the members of the Libertyville Boys Club on the  
16 occasion of the club's 75th anniversary and wish them continued  
17 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the Libertyville Boys Club as a symbol of our  
20 esteem and respect.