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2 Illinois WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Evan Lysacek on the 4 occasion of his gold medal victory in the figure skating 5 competition at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, 6 British Columbia, Canada; and

WHEREAS, Evan Lysacek was born on June 4, 1985; after graduating from Neuqua Valley High School in 2003, Evan Lysacek moved from Naperville to Los Angeles, California to pursue his dream and further hone his skills; and

WHEREAS, Evan Lysacek became the first American man to win the Olympic gold medal in figure skating since Brian Boitano in 1988 when he defeated defending champion Evgeni Plushenko; Mr. Lysacek finished the competition with a career-best 257.67, 1.31 points ahead of Plushenko, to secure the gold medal; and

WHEREAS, Evan Lysacek has performed at the Olympics twice, in 2006 and 2010; he is the 2000 and 2007 U.S. Champion and the 2009 World Champion; he is a champion of the 2009 Grand Prix Final; he was the 2005 and 2007 Four Continents Champion, the 2009 Skate America Champion, and the 2006 Cup of China Champion; he is also the winner of numerous local skating championships throughout his 15-year career; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Evan Lysacek was the winner of SKATING Magazine's
- 2 2009 Readers' Choice Skater of the Year Award; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Evan Lysacek credits much of his success to the
- 4 efforts of his dedicated coach, Frank Carroll; his talented
- 5 choreographer, Lori Nichol; his loving parents and biggest
- 6 supporters, Don and Tanya; and his siblings, Laura and
- 7 Christina; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Evan Lysacek serves as a model of hard work,
- 9 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
- 10 Illinois; therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 13 congratulate Evan Lysacek on the occasion of his gold medal
- 14 victory and wish him continued success and happiness in the
- 15 future; and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 17 presented to Evan Lysacek as a symbol of our esteem and
- 18 respect.