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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Niles North High School Chess Team won all 7
3 of its matches and captured the Illinois High School
4 Association (IHSA) 2012 State Chess Championship crown at the
5 State tournament held February 10 and 11, 2012, in Peoria; and

6 WHEREAS, Junior David Paykin demonstrated exemplary skill,
7 tenacity, and fighting spirit by winning his crucial sixth
8 round match in a momentous come from behind victory which kept
9 the team's hopes alive, and ultimately led to the team securing
10 the championship title; and

11 WHEREAS, The Niles North High School Chess Team finished in
12 fifth place at the United States Federation National K-12
13 Championship Tournament held April 12-15, 2012, in
14 Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

15 WHEREAS, Senior Eric Rosen finished in second place
16 individually at the National K-12 Championship and, along with
17 his partner, Matthew Dahl of Edina, Minnesota, captured the
18 National Bughouse Championship in a sanctioned side event
19 competition; and

20 WHEREAS, Chess Team Coach Harry Kyriazes is recognized as
21 one of the premier high school coaches in the United States and

1 the State of Illinois; he has coached the team since 1999 and
2 guided the team to State championship titles in 2006, 2010, and
3 2012, as well as 4 second place finishes, and 2 third place
4 finishes at State championship tournaments during his tenure as
5 coach; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Kyriazes and his fellow coaches, Heather
7 Ingraham and Mases Hagopian, are recognized for their unique
8 and innovative approaches in providing a nurturing training
9 environment where the qualities of teamwork, mutual respect,
10 camaraderie, and leadership development are held in the highest
11 regard; and

12 WHEREAS, Niles Township High School District 219 has
13 supported the chess program over the years, and in so doing has
14 furthered its mission to improve the academic achievement of
15 every student by offering programs so that every student may
16 achieve his or her potential; and

17 WHEREAS, Niles North High School will unveil a banner on
18 May 7, 2012 recognizing the accomplishments of the 2012 State
19 Champion Chess Team; the banner will be on display on the west
20 side of the Niles North building where it will be visible to
21 all motorists traveling on Interstate 94; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate the Niles North High School Chess Team on
3 winning the 2012 State championship and wish team members and
4 coaches all the best in their future endeavors; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the Niles North High School Chess Team as a symbol
8 of our respect and esteem.