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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Derek and Ken  
4 Leonard on becoming the first father-son head coaching duo to  
5 win championships in the same season in the 40-year history of  
6 Illinois' high school State football finals; and

7           WHEREAS, Rochester High School head coach, Derek Leonard,  
8 won his fourth consecutive Class 4A Illinois High School  
9 Association State football championship after his Rockets  
10 achieved a 16-8 victory over Geneseo High School on November  
11 29, 2013; he was joined on the sidelines by his brother,  
12 Assistant Coach Brad Leonard; the Rockets were the first public  
13 school in Illinois High School Association history to win 4  
14 straight State football titles; and

15           WHEREAS, Sacred Heart-Griffin head coach, Ken Leonard,  
16 captured his fourth State title after his Cyclones defeated  
17 Montini Catholic High School 38-28 on November 30, 2013 in the  
18 Class 5A championship game; the Cyclones went 14-0 in winning  
19 their first State title since 2008; and

20           WHEREAS, Derek Leonard's teams have gone 63-5 the past 5  
21 seasons; he was as assistant coach for Fairbury's Prairie  
22 Central High School team that placed 2nd in Class 4A in 2003,

1 the same year Ken Leonard's team placed 2nd in Class 5A; and

2 WHEREAS, Sacred Heart-Griffin coach, Ken Leonard, was a  
3 2006 inductee into the Illinois High School Association  
4 Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame and has an overall  
5 record of 324-66 in 34 seasons; he coached for 4 seasons at  
6 Cheona High School and is now 292-57 at Sacred Heart-Griffin;  
7 he ranks 3rd in all-time wins; and

8 WHEREAS, Derek Leonard's Rochester Rockets and Ken  
9 Leonard's Sacred Heart-Griffin Cyclones captured their State  
10 championships at Northern Illinois University's Huskie  
11 Stadium; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Derek and Ken Leonard on becoming the first  
15 father-son head coaching duo to win State championships in  
16 Illinois high school football in the same season, and we wish  
17 them both many years of continued success; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
19 presented to Derek and Ken Leonard as an expression of our  
20 esteem and respect.