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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Washington Community High School Panthers Wrestling Team on their successful 2015-2016 season; and

WHEREAS, The Panthers brought home the first State wrestling championship in their school's history to add to their 2nd place finish in the Class 2A State meet last season; and

WHEREAS, The Panthers finished the season as the Class 2A State Dual Team Champions, Section and Regional Champions and Mid-Illini Champions; and

WHEREAS, Panthers finishing 1st in State are: junior, Dack Punke, 113 pound class; sophomore, Tyler Delaware, 120 pound class; and junior, Jacob Warner, in the 182 pound class for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, Panthers also finishing in State ranks are: junior, Ryder Punke, State runner-up, 160 pound class; senior, Dylan Thurston, 3rd in State, 132 pound class; senior, Trey Kelley, 4th in State, 106 pound class; sophomore, Blaize Punke, 4th in State, 138 pound class; junior, Kyle Goin, 5th in State,

1 152 pound class; senior, Randy Meneweather, 5th in State, 170  
2 pound class; and freshman, Jace Punke, 6th in State, 195 pound  
3 class; and

4 WHEREAS, Senior, Ethan Reel is a State qualifier in the 145  
5 pound class; and

6 WHEREAS, The dual team completed their season with a record  
7 of 26 and 5 and qualified for the Dual Team Tournament by  
8 winning the Class 2A East Peoria Regional; and

9 WHEREAS, The dual team had an impressive list of  
10 accomplishments during their Dual Team Illinois High School  
11 Association State Series; they defeated Lincoln Way West in the  
12 Dual Team Sectional (34-25); they defeated Cahokia in the State  
13 Quarterfinals (43-27); they defeated Chicago Mt. Carmel in the  
14 State Semifinals (34-32); and they defeated Chicago Heights  
15 (Marian Catholic) in the State Finals (46-22) for their first  
16 State championship; and

17 WHEREAS, The team also won the Sycamore Invitational and  
18 placed 7th at the Clash National Duals; and

19 WHEREAS, The members of the dual team State roster include:  
20 Hunter Mamer, Kyle Goin, Will Hammer, Jared Head, Dylan  
21 Thurston, Will Dene, Gabe Robison, Jack Apgar, Kyle Sherman,

1 Marc Strubhar, Trey Kelley, Randy Meneweather, Caleb Miller,  
2 Tyler Delaware, Manny Plata, Jace Punke, Blaize Punke, Dack  
3 Punke, Ryder Punke, Ethan Reel, Adam Robison, Dakota  
4 VanQuakebeke, and Jacob Warner; and

5 WHEREAS, The Panthers are coached by Head Coach Bryan  
6 Medlin and assistant coaches Nick Miller, Jason Medlin, Randy  
7 Meneweather, Doug McClister, Mike Carr, and Colton Gladwell;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The members of the Washington Community High  
10 School Wrestling Team serve as models of hard work, integrity,  
11 and dedication for the people of the State of Illinois;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 congratulate the Washington Community High School Panthers  
16 Wrestling Team on their successful 2015-2016 season and we wish  
17 them continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 presented to the members of the Washington Community High  
21 School Wrestling Team and their coaches as a symbol of our  
22 esteem and respect.