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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Coach Neil Alexander of
4 Lincoln Community High School on his 1,000th career victory as
5 a boys' basketball coach; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander's impressive career began as a
7 student athlete at Nokomis High School in Montgomery County;
8 he played for four years at Monmouth College, where he was
9 later inducted into the Monmouth College Hall of Fame in 1998;
10 he later earned a master's degree from Western Illinois
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander began coaching at Joy Westmer
13 High School, later coaching at Monmouth Yorkwood High School
14 and then at Bushnell-Prairie City High School for 11 years;
15 after his time there, he became the head coach of the boys
16 basketball team at Lincoln Community High School; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander, in his time at Lincoln Community
18 High School, has led his teams to 26 seasons with 20 or more
19 wins, 19 regional championships, five super-sectional
20 appearances, and four Elite Eight state tournament runs in
21 1999, 2005, 2007, and 2014, with the 2014 run resulting in a
22 state runner-up finish; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander, with his trademark "1-2-2" zone,
2 is the winningest coach in Lincoln Community High School
3 history, credited with more than 800 of his wins during his
4 time at LCHS; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander's boys' basketball team at
6 Lincoln Community High School, the Railers, boasted impressive
7 statistics under his tutelage, with the Railers achieving a
8 record of 26 wins and 6 losses and setting a program record of
9 allowing an average of only 34.2 points per game during the
10 2022-2023 season; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander has earned the respect of the
12 students, players, and people of Lincoln, with his work as an
13 educator, coach, athletic director, and mentor to his players,
14 and he has forged a culture of accountability, discipline,
15 pride, and putting the team first among his players; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander's influence extends beyond the
17 city of Lincoln; he served as the president of the Illinois
18 Basketball Coaches Association from 2017 to 2019, was inducted
19 into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
20 in 2004, and received the association's Chuck Rolinski
21 Achievement Award in 2020; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander has achieved considerable success
2 as a basketball coach, and he credits his success to his
3 players, assistant coaches, staff, schools, communities, and
4 family; he often praises his wife of 53 years, Denise, his
5 children, Tammy (Scott), Geoff (Kiersten), and Gregg (Nicole),
6 as well as his grandchildren and great granddaughter for their
7 continuous support; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Alexander has not only brought immense
9 success for boys' basketball but has also guided generations
10 of players through his coaching and mentorship; therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate Coach Neil
15 Alexander of Lincoln Community High School on his 1,000th
16 career victory as a boys' basketball coach, as well as express
17 our gratitude for the impact he has had on generations of young
18 men throughout the State of Illinois; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to Coach Neil Alexander and Lincoln Community High
21 School as an expression of our greatest esteem and respect.