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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Calhoun High School girls volleyball team, the Warriors, on winning the 2024-2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 1A Girls Volleyball State Championship for the first time in school history; and

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WHEREAS, The Warriors first achieved victory against Cissna Park Senior High School 25-16, 25-23 in the State Semifinals; the team then defeated Stockton High School 25-17, 25-16 in the State Finals, despite both sets being tied 10-10 at one point; the team made a number of memorable plays in the process, including senior Joy Hurley leading the team with 10 kills, senior Kate Zipprich making six kills and five solo blocks, and junior Stella Gress leading with 12 digs; and

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WHEREAS, The Warriors' success marks the first time the team has won the State Super-Sectionals and the State Finals; in doing so, the team secured a triple crown for Calhoun High School, making it the first public school in Illinois to attain state championships across three sports in girls volleyball, basketball (2015, 2016), and softball (2016); the team also broke a school record with its stellar 39-2 record this season; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Warriors are led by Head Coach Melissa  
2 Zipprich, Assistant Coach Ann Gilman, and Team Manager Grace  
3 Hurley; and

4           WHEREAS, The Warriors include sophomores Gabby Hurley,  
5 Lucy Hurley, Lilly Pelletier, and Annie Wilson, juniors Anabel  
6 Eilerman, Stella Gress, Sadie Kiel, Carly Pohlman, Emma Rose,  
7 Leila Schulte, and Mary Squier, and seniors Audrey Gilman,  
8 Josie Hoagland, Joy Hurley, Abby Johnes, State Final  
9 All-Tournament Athlete Lacy Pohlman, Caydence Sievers, and  
10 State Final MVP Kate Zipprich, who broke the state record for  
11 most blocks in a state championship match; and

12           WHEREAS, The Warriors' historic season and its players'  
13 achievements, concluding with a dominant performance at the  
14 IHSA Class 1A Girls Volleyball State Final Tournament, have  
15 brought joy to players' families, friends, school, and  
16 community; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate the Calhoun High School girls volleyball team,  
20 the Warriors, on winning the 2024-2025 Illinois High School  
21 Association (IHSA) Class 1A Conference Girls Volleyball State  
22 Championship for the first time in school history, leading

1 Calhoun High School to become the first public high school in  
2 Illinois to obtain a triple crown; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
4 presented to Head Coach Melissa Zipprich, Assistant Coach Ann  
5 Gilman, and members of the Calhoun High School girls  
6 volleyball team as a symbol of our respect and esteem.