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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Dyett High School
4 boys basketball team, the Eagles, on winning the 2024-2025
5 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A State
6 Championship, a historic and inspiring achievement for the
7 school and the Bronzeville community; and

8 WHEREAS, The Eagles secured its first state championship
9 in school history with a 52-41 victory over Althoff Catholic
10 High School of Belleville at the State Farm Center in
11 Champaign on March 15, 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, The Eagles' inaugural win is especially
13 meaningful given Dyett High School's remarkable journey,
14 having once faced closure in 2015 before community advocacy
15 and determination kept its doors open; a decade later, the
16 high school has risen to the pinnacle of athletic success,
17 symbolizing the resilience, strength, and unity of its
18 students, faculty, alumni, and community supporters; and

19 WHEREAS, The Eagles' players have demonstrated skill,
20 discipline, and unity throughout the season, overcoming
21 challenges and competing at the highest level to earn their
22 place as champions; and

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Eagles, whose hard work and
2 teamwork brought this championship to fruition, include Aramis
3 Brown Jr., Jahmir Brown, Immanuel Carter, Rickey Coleman,
4 Cornell Dunbar, Johntae Duncan, Mikai Harris, Jacob Johnson,
5 Christian Lowe, Jayden McKinnon, Devon Shelton, Ahmari Taylor,
6 Zaire Tobar, and Matthew Wilson; and

7 WHEREAS, The Eagles are led by Head Coach Jamaal Gill,
8 whose leadership and vision guided the team to victory, along
9 with Assistant Coaches Kimani Harris, Pierre Adams, and Nathan
10 Townsen Jr., whose dedication and mentorship were vital to the
11 team's success; and

12 WHEREAS, The Eagles' historic championship win has brought
13 pride and joy to the Bronzeville community and stands as a
14 beacon of what is possible through hard work, perseverance,
15 and community support; and

16 WHEREAS, The Eagles' success further represents the power
17 of public education and investment in youth development with
18 athletics serving as a pathway to opportunity and empowerment;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate the Dyett High School boys basketball team,
2 the Eagles, on winning the 2024-2025 IHSA Class 2A State
3 Championship, and we honor its members for their perseverance
4 and excellence and the inspiration they provide to all
5 Illinoisans; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the principal and administration of Dyett High
8 School and to the players, coaches, and staff of the Dyett High
9 School boys basketball team as a symbol of our respect,
10 admiration, and esteem.