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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Benet Academy boys  
4 basketball team, the Redwings, on winning the 2024-25 Illinois  
5 High School Association Class 4A State Championship; and

6 WHEREAS, The Redwings defeated Warren Township High School  
7 55 to 54 on March 15, 2025 for the first boys basketball state  
8 championship in the school's history; and

9 WHEREAS, The Redwings compiled a season record of 33 wins  
10 and 5 losses on their way to the state title; and

11 WHEREAS, The Redwings are led by Head Coach Gene Heidkamp  
12 and Assistant Coaches Michael Connelly, John Bonk, Scott  
13 Veselik, Michael Rembert, Justin Enochs, Dave Kleinschmidt,  
14 and Sean Etzkorn; and

15 WHEREAS, The members of the Redwings are Blake Fagbemi,  
16 Colin Stack, Jonny Coleman, Ryan Walsh, Jayden Wright, Daniel  
17 Pauliukonis, Michael Doyle, Maclane Zich, Grant Bergmann,  
18 Chris Huynh, Austin Clifford, Aidan Renicker, Tommy  
19 Bartenhagen, Jason Chow, Jack Reiser, Will Heckman, Edvardas  
20 Stasys, Brendan Beaumont, Blair Fagbemi, Kyle Pusatera, Tyler  
21 Cibulka, and Jaiyden Cotton; and

1       WHEREAS, The Redwings were greatly assisted throughout the  
2 season by Team Managers Nikhil Joseph and Alex Wold;  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate the Benet Academy boys basketball team, the  
7 Redwings, on winning the 2024-25 Illinois High School  
8 Association Class 4A State Championship, and we wish them many  
9 more successful seasons; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 presented to the Redwings' players and coaches as a symbol of  
12 our respect and esteem.