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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the St. Anthony Grade
4 School's 8th grade boys' basketball team, the Bullpups, on
5 winning the 2024-25 Illinois Elementary School Association
6 Class 2A State Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, The Bullpups competed at the state finals at
8 Bishop McNamara Catholic High School in Kankakee on February
9 20, 2025; and

10 WHEREAS, The Bullpups started the tournament with a solid
11 win against Burr Ridge Middle School, ending the game with a
12 final score of 41 to 28; this win vaulted them into the
13 semifinals against Oglesby Washington School, where a hard
14 fought one point victory was achieved with a final score of 28
15 to 27; and

16 WHEREAS, The Bullpups played a strong game against Camp
17 Point Central, leading the first quarter 12 to 0; by halftime,
18 the lead grew to 17 to 0; the team kept their momentum during
19 the second half, and by the third quarter, they were leading 27
20 to 8, ending the game with a commanding 39 to 13 blowout
21 victory to secure their championship; and

1 WHEREAS, The Bullpups had a historic season, winning the
2 championship for the first time since 2004 by playing great
3 defense and even better offense and ending the season with a
4 record of 26 wins and 3 losses; and

5 WHEREAS, The Bullpups are led by Head Coach John Hoene and
6 Assistant Coach Jason Ludwig; and

7 WHEREAS, The members of the Bullpups include 8th graders
8 Brayden Baudier, Charlie Bierman, Charlie Hoene, Sebastian
9 Looman, Liam McAllaster, Curtis Tingley, James Trupiano, Blake
10 Verdeyen, and Andrew Wagner, 7th graders Eli Bales, Nicholas
11 Bierman, Grayson Bloemer, Paxton Coulter, Jaxon Having, Kolin
12 Kiefer, Keegan McDonald, Parker Phillips, Marty Scheidemantel,
13 Reed Schumacher, Braxton Schultz, and James Uebinger, and Team
14 Managers Henry Gannaway and Jackson Settle; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the St. Anthony Grade School's 8th grade boys'
18 basketball team, the Bullpups, on winning the 2024-25 Illinois
19 Elementary School Association Class 2A State Championship, and
20 we wish them many more successful seasons; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to the members and coaches of the Bullpups as an

1 expression of our respect and esteem.