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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kingsley Junior High
4 School's (Normal) eighth grade girls basketball team, the
5 Cougars, on winning the 2025 Illinois Elementary School
6 Association (IESA) Class 4A State Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, The Cougars compiled a final record of 29 wins
8 and zero losses during the 2025 season, which culminated in a
9 championship after defeating Glenwood Elementary School
10 (Chatham), South Middle School (Arlington Heights), and
11 Herrick Middle School (Downers Grove) in the IESA's eighth
12 grade Class 4A state tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, The Cougars were led by Head Coach Roger
14 Nalewajka, assistant coaches Steve Wood, Megan Williams, and
15 Mackenzie Coates, manager Carelle Yetimbi, and featured a
16 roster of Maizie Olson, Nilah Robinson, Lavaysia Washington,
17 Vivian Reeves, Alex Alexandria West, Easton Carter, Vivian
18 Wood, Olivia Carolan, McKinnley Ross, Amelia Nalewajka,
19 Jasmine Spiller, Aliyah Khokhar, and Isabel Forsberg; and

20 WHEREAS, The Cougars are a remarkable group of players,
21 having been together as state champions in the sixth and
22 seventh grades and achieving a record of 86 wins and zero

1 losses over their three seasons together from sixth to eighth
2 grade; and

3 WHEREAS, The Cougars' hard work, dedication, and
4 commitment to excellence are a reflection of themselves, their
5 families, their school, and their community; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we wish to congratulate Kingsley Junior High School's (Normal)
9 eighth grade girls basketball team, the Cougars, on winning
10 the 2025 Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Class
11 4A State Championship; and be it further

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