



HR0704

LRB104 21027 MST 34944 r

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, Alexandria West, Easton Carter, Vivian Wood,  
18 Olivia Carolan, McKinnley Ross, Amelia Nalewajka, Jasmine  
19 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.