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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Abbey Murphy on winning  
4 an Olympic Gold Medal with the United States Women's Olympic  
5 Hockey Team at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina,  
6 Italy; and

7           WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy is a native of Evergreen Park and a  
8 graduate of Mother McAuley High School and has reached the  
9 pinnacle of athletic achievement; and

10           WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy's part in this historic victory was  
11 secured on February 19, 2026 in a thrilling 2-1 overtime win  
12 against rival Canada, marking the first gold medal for Team  
13 USA in women's hockey since 2018 and only the third in the  
14 program's history; and

15           WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy's journey to a gold medal began in  
16 the south suburbs, where she played as the only girl on a team  
17 of boys for the St. Jude Knights Hockey Club in Crestwood and  
18 later spent eight years with the Chicago Mission youth team,  
19 developing the gritty and tough playing mentality that has  
20 become her trademark; and

21           WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy, a veteran of the 2022 silver medal

1 team, returned to the Olympic stage as a "hockey unicorn",  
2 uniquely blending elite offensive skill with a tenacious,  
3 gritty style of play that earned her the reputation as a "game  
4 changer" and a "pest" whom opponents found impossible to  
5 ignore; and

6 WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy was a vital offensive engine  
7 throughout the 2026 games, recording two goals and five  
8 assists, including a dominant performance in the 5-0 semifinal  
9 victory over Sweden; and

10 WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy's impact was felt beyond the stat  
11 sheet through her unparalleled ability to draw penalties and  
12 disrupt opponents, as evidenced by her drawing four penalties  
13 single-handedly in a preliminary match up against Canada; and

14 WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy continues to serve as a leader in  
15 the sport as a captain for the University of Minnesota, where  
16 she has led the nation in both goals and competitive spirit;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy carries the pride of her community  
19 with her every time she hits the ice, including the residents  
20 of Evergreen Park, the nearby neighborhoods of Beverly and  
21 Mount Greenwood in Chicago, and other south suburbs that  
22 rallied behind their hometown hero with watch parties and

1 celebrations; and

2 WHEREAS, Abbey Murphy has been supported in her athletic  
3 journeys by her family, including her father, Ed, who played  
4 college football, served in the U.S. Marines, and currently  
5 works as a pipefitter for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
6 District of Greater Chicago, her mother, Lynne, who played  
7 softball and currently works as a nurse, her brother, Patrick,  
8 who played college football, and her brother, Dominic, who was  
9 a college wrestler; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we congratulate Abbey Murphy on winning an Olympic Gold Medal  
13 and commend her for her dedication, her resilience, and the  
14 exemplary manner in which she represented the State of  
15 Illinois and the United States of America; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Abbey Murphy as a symbol of our esteem and pride  
18 in her remarkable accomplishments.