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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Matt Tumbleson on his professional accomplishments and exceptional leadership in the National Basketball Association; and

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WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson was raised in the Village of Buda in Bureau County, where he learned the values of hard work, humility, and community that have guided him throughout his life and career; and

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WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson attended Bureau Valley High School, where he distinguished himself as a student and emerging leader and his early interest in athletics and communications began to develop; and

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WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson attended Illinois State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations and Political Science and gaining hands-on experience through student media organizations that prepared him for a career in professional sports communications; and

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WHEREAS, Following his graduation, Matt Tumbleson embarked on a distinguished career in the National Basketball Association (NBA), holding communications and media relations

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1 positions with the San Antonio Spurs, New Jersey Nets, and
2 Memphis Grizzlies, where he earned respect for his
3 professionalism and strategic insight; and

4 WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson joined the Oklahoma City Thunder
5 in 2011, where he rose to the position of Vice President of
6 Basketball Communications, overseeing media relations, public
7 engagement, and organizational storytelling for one of the
8 NBA's most respected franchises; and

9 WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson played a pivotal role in the
10 public relations and communications efforts surrounding the
11 2024-2025 NBA season, including the successful campaign that
12 culminated in Shai Gilgeous-Alexander being named the NBA Most
13 Valuable Player in 2025, highlighting Matt's leadership and
14 expertise at the highest level of professional sports; and

15 WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson has remained deeply committed to
16 giving back to Illinois, maintaining strong ties to Bureau
17 Valley High School and Illinois State University, where he
18 regularly supports students through mentorship, professional
19 guidance, internships, and engagement with the University's
20 recently launched sports communications program; and

21 WHEREAS, Through these efforts, Matt Tumbleson has helped
22 inspire and prepare the next generation of Illinois students

1 for careers in communications, media, and professional
2 athletics; and

3 WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson is also known for his dedication
4 to family and is a loving husband and devoted father who
5 exemplifies the values of integrity and balance in both his
6 personal and professional life; and

7 WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson is the proud son of Linda and Dan
8 Tumbleson, who continue to reside in Bureau County and whose
9 ongoing connection to the community reflects the enduring
10 roots of the Tumbleson family in the State of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Matt Tumbleson's achievements stand as a
12 testament to the opportunities afforded by Illinois
13 communities and institutions and to the impact that committed
14 and talented individuals can have on a national and
15 international stage; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Matt Tumbleson on his outstanding professional
19 accomplishments, commend his leadership in the National
20 Basketball Association, and thank him for his continued
21 service and contributions to his hometown, his alma mater, and
22 the State of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Matt Tumbleson as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.